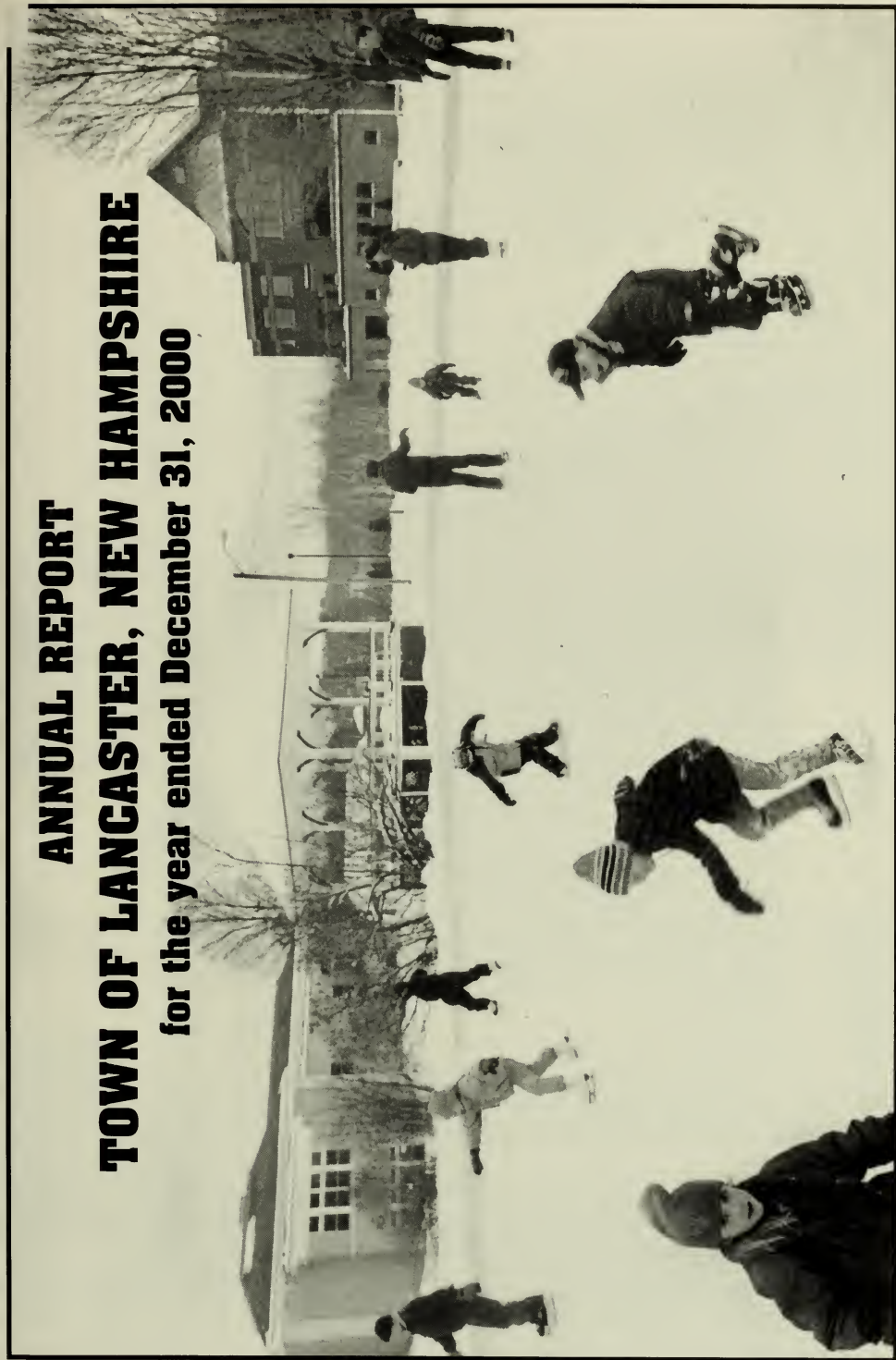


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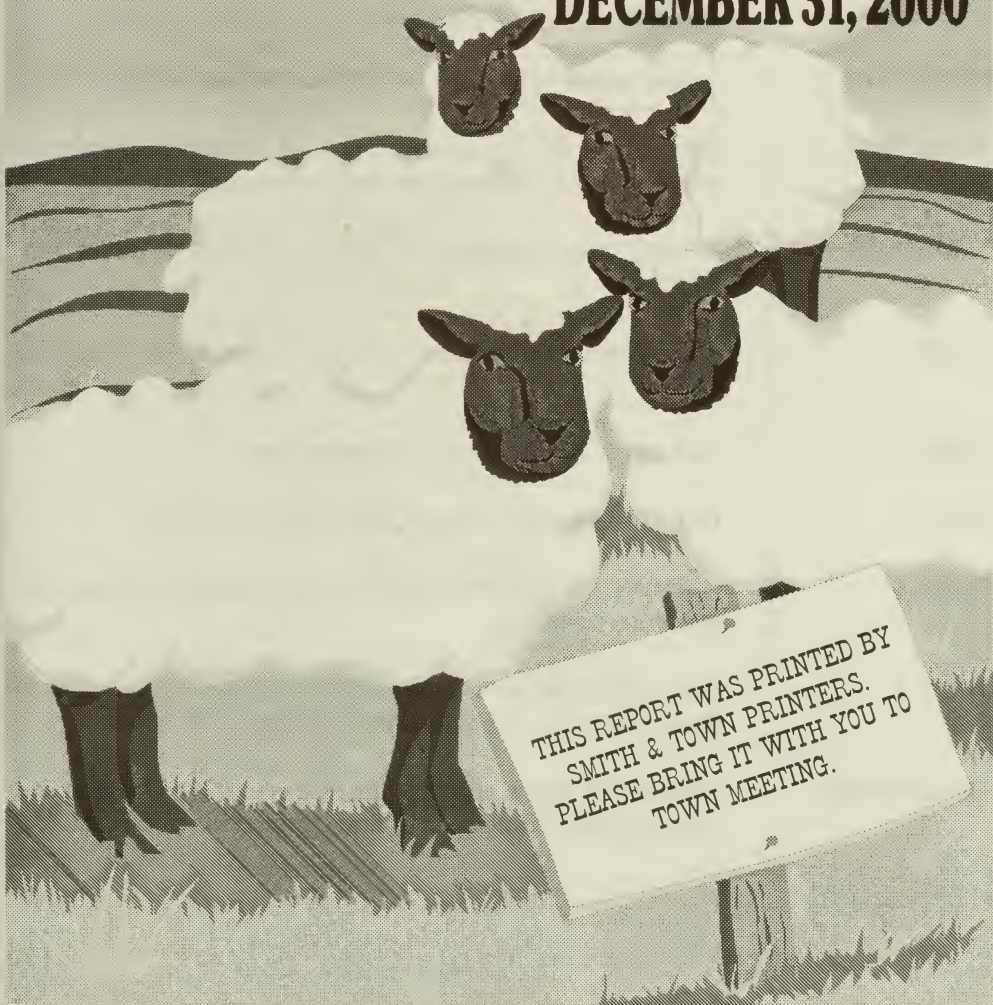
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The Town of Lancaster expresses its appreciation to Jill Brooks and the Coös County Democrat newspaper for contributing the Cover Photo and many other photographs in this year's Annual Report.

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ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF LANCASTER

FOR YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2000



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2001 DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 1	Fiscal Year Begins
JANUARY 15	Public Budget Hearing for School District
JANUARY 24	First day for Candidates to declare for Town Election
FEBRUARY 2	Last day for Candidates to declare for Town Election
FEBRUARY 9	Annual School Meeting (Deliberative session S/B 2)
MARCH 1	Deadline to file for an exemption or abatement from your property taxes following the date of notice of tax
MARCH 13	Annual Town Meeting & Vote on School Warrant (per Senate Bill 2)
APRIL 1	All property both real and personal, assessed to owner this date
APRIL 15	Last day to file Property Tax Inventories
MAY 1	Dog Owners should license their dogs by this date
JUNE 1	After this date, a \$25 forfeiture charge may be imposed for any unlicensed dogs
JULY 1	First half of the semi-annual tax billing due - commences to draw interest at 12 percent after this date
DECEMBER 1	Second half of the property tax due - unpaid real estate and personal taxes commence to draw interest at 12 percent

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2000 TOWN OFFICERS

Elected Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Expires	2001	Linda E. Hutchins
Expires	2002	Christopher S. Parker
Expires	2003	Bruce Hutchings

TREASURER

Expires	2002	Ann M. Huddleston
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TOWN CLERK

Expires	2002	Jean E. Oleson
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MODERATOR

Expires	2003	Paul D. Desjardins
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Expires	2001	Carol H. Stiles
Expires	2002	John Holmes
Expires	2003	James H. Whithed

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Expires	2002	James Seppala
Expires	2004	Sandra E. Doolan
Expires	2006	Maryrose Corrigan

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Expires	2001	Dennis Merrow
Expires	2001	Aurore M. Hood
Expires	2001	Allvin Leonard
Expires	2002	Donald E. Crane (resigned)
Expires	2002	Donald L. Crane
Expires	2002	James Seppala
Expires	2003	Richard Belmore
Expires	2003	Roger Gingue
Expires	2003	Ronald E. Wert

REPRESENTATIVE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

Expires	2002	Christopher S. Parker
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Expires	2001	Michael W. Nadeau
Expires	2002	Elsie K. Senuta
Expires	2003	Jon Dugan-Henriksen

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Expires	2001	Joyce C. White
Expires	2002	Michael W. Nadeau
Expires	2003	Ronald N. Bailey

2000 TOWN OFFICERS

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EMMONS SMITH FUND COMMITTEE

Expires	2001	John E. Brooks
Expires	2002	Roxanna White
Expires	2003	Jean Foss

COL. TOWN SPENDING COMMITTEE

Expires	2001	Frederick Bailey
Expires	2001	Gregg Christopher
Expires	2001	Ben Gaetjens-Oleson
Expires	2002	Patricia Rexford
Expires	2002	Jeffrey A. Gilman
Expires	2002	Robert Snowman
Expires	2003	Trisha Rivard
Expires	2003	Sharon Atkinson
Expires	2003	Richard Sarette (resigned)
Expires	2003	Heidi Barker

COL. TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

David Hill	Dennis Merrow
James Whithed	Roger Gingue
Hal Goolman	Donald L. Crane
Phillip Drapeau (resigned)	

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

Bob Bodoïn	Patrick Kelly
Allan Carr	Stan Knecht
Becky Couture	Allvin Leonard
Rebecca Crawford	Margaret Moser
Deborah Dimmitt	Peter Powell
Bob Fink	Carl Rod
Andre Garand	Allen Ryder
Aurore Hood	Jean Tenney

Appointed Positions

Town Manager/Overseer of Welfare	Patrick Kelly
Tax Collector/Asst. Town Manager	Joyce A. McGee
Public Works Director	Dennis Patnoe
Finance Director	Michael W. Nadeau
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Lisa Wade
Town Counsel	Paul Desjardins, Attorney
Health Officer	Thomas Blanchette
Public Health Nurse	Weeks Health Services
Librarians	Barbara Roberts/ Lisa Brown
Superintendent of Recreation	Michael Curtis
Police Chief	Edward Samson, Jr.
Fire Chief	Michael Currier
Ambulance Director	Thomas Blanchette
Highway Foreman	James Savage
Water Dept. Supervisor	Lawrence "Gomer" Powell
Water & Wastewater Dept. Chief Operator	Tim Bilodeau
Transfer Station Foreman	Shawn Grover

2000 TOWN OFFICERS

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Appointed Boards/Committees

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Expires	2001	Jean Tenney
Expires	2001	Aurore Hood
Expires	2002	Alan Savage
Expires	2002	Carl Rod (resigned)
Expires	2002 (Alternate)	James Hammond
Expires	2003	Colin Sutherland, Chairman
Expires	2003	Dennis Merrow
	(Clerk)	Jean Oleson

PLANNING BOARD

Expires	2001	Colin Christie
Expires	2001	Allan Ryder
Expires	2002	Andre Garand, Chairman
Expires	2002	Alexis Moser
Expires	2002	Donald Doolan
Expires	2002 (Alternate)	Royce Hutchinson
Expires	2002 (Alternate)	Tim Sutherland
Expires	2002 (Alternate)	Allan Carr
Expires	2003	David Rexford
	(Advisor)	Dorothy Weinstein
	(Selectman)	Bruce Hutchings
	(Clerk)	Sally Pratt

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Expires	2001	Janine Elliott
Expires	2001 (Alternate)	Robert Christie
Expires	2001 (Alternate)	William Allin
Expires	2002	Ron Wert
Expires	2002	William McInville
Expires	2002	David Rexford
	(Advisor)	Patrick Kelly

REPRESENTATIVE TO COÖS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

Expires	2001	Allvin Leonard
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HOUSING AUTHORITY

Kevin Kopp
Dennis Merrow
Millard Martin, Jr.
James Seppala

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

This year The Board has spent a lot of time and energy focusing on long term planning concerning the placement of our emergency service facilities. The message voiced at last year's town meeting was carefully noted. With that in mind, we are going to present a three-year plan starting with the location of a new ambulance bay on the town-owned lot on Mechanic Street in year one, an expansion of the fire station in year two, and an expansion of the police department in year three. We are confident that this carefully planned direction will answer all the concerns voiced to us.

We are still working to find a resolution to the ice problems on the Israel River. The river is being monitored and we are confident that the answer to our problems will soon be in hand. We will be able to protect our main sewer lines and help the residents affected by the high water situations.

Work on the Master Plan continues and soon will be completed.

The Board is ever grateful to the many volunteers who work for this community, both on Town Boards and Committees and in the civic organizations that do so much to enhance the quality of life in our town.

Lancaster is very lucky to have great employees who are dedicated to their jobs and do fine work for all the citizenry. Not all towns are fortunate enough to run as smoothly as does ours.

Chris, Bruce and I want to reiterate that we are always ready to receive your calls and to work with you should problems arise.

We look forward to a prosperous year 2001.

Sincerely,

Linda E. Hutchins
Chairman



Lynn Emery received the Milken Foundation's Award for Outstanding Educator



Margaret Carr, Grand Marshall of 4th of July parade

WILLIAM D. WEEKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The first year of the Weeks Memorial Library in its new enlarged space has been busy and full. Most exciting was the notification on December 1, 2000, that the library was officially added to the National Historic Register. Not only does this recognize the excellent work of our building committee and architect, but also may help in securing grants to finish the restoration of the older portion of the building. Other firsts for the staff were leaning to program a new heating system and to cope with a sensitive alarm system, adjusting timers for lights, and fixing strange problems in our two Internet accessible public computers. A new, but more complicated, public photocopier provides another service to library patrons. The increase in library use by individuals and groups has required some creative adjusting of staff time since we have not increased the number or hours of library personnel.



Among the adult programs for the year were the winter travel nights, the monthly Brown Bag Lunch Reading Group, and the New Hampshire Humanities Council's Choices program. In addition to a weekly preschool story hour, the children's library had a science series called "Science Sleuth", a summer reading program "Reading Cats and Dogs", a medieval Joust for Fun, a week of activities for Read Across America,

and a monthly reading Patch Club.

The newly formed "Friends of the Weeks Memorial Library" arranged several other programs including Jere Daniell's "Ratification of the Constitution in NH" and a "Number Please" slide show on the old-time telephone operator. The Friends' successful arts and crafts auction in the spring provided the seed money for the Wingate Hall renovation fund, and their library sign contest provided the design for what is hoped will be a new library sign. This active group meets monthly and always welcomes new members.

Other active library sponsored groups include a monthly origami meeting, a stampcraft group, and the Lancaster Rose Quilters whose quilt raffle is providing the library with a new section of shelving.

People continue to be generous with their gifts to the library. The Weeks family has started a fund to restore the oil paintings of John W. and William D. Weeks in the library's reading rooms. Gifts and grants made possible the purchase of a microfilm reader/printer and microfilm of the Coös County Democrat from 1884-1936. Additional films of the Democrat will be purchased as funds become available. Other donors have provided a new slide projector, videos, audiotapes and books, and seed money for the restoration of the library's reading rooms.

The support of the Lancaster community continues to make the library an exciting place to be. We invite comments and suggestions as we move into 2001. Don't forget to pick up a copy of the library's monthly activity calendar at the circulation desk and take advantage of the programs and resources of the Weeks Memorial Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara R. Roberts
Library Director

LANCASTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

During the year 2000 Lancaster EMS, formally known as the Lancaster Ambulance Corps, celebrated thirty years of existence as a municipal ambulance service operated by the town of Lancaster. We currently serve the communities of Lancaster, Jefferson, and Randolph in New Hampshire, and Maidstone, Guildhall, Granby, and Lunenburg in Vermont. We also provide mutual aid assistance to the other surrounding communities as well as emergent and non-emergent patient transfers between medical facilities. On the following pages you will find a list of the members of Lancaster EMS including their certification level and where they reside. We are lucky that we can still primarily staff our ambulances with volunteer crews some of which reside 50 miles away but come and volunteer their time to provide coverage. The volunteer members receive \$7.50 per hour when out on a call and \$1.00 per hour to be on-call on the weekends. They also receive \$50.00 for long distance transfers to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and other facilities more than an hour away. Our volunteer staff is complimented with two full-time employees and three part-time employees. During the year 2000 Lancaster EMS responded to 746 calls utilizing our fleet of three ambulances and our emergency response trailer. Our 16-foot enclosed emergency response trailer has been very useful at fire scenes allowing us to rehabilitate emergency workers and reduce Workers' Compensation claims by reducing injury rates. The trailer is also used as a mobile first aid room for special event coverage such as town functions and the Lancaster Fair.

In 2000 we continued to improve our ability to provide advanced life support care on a larger percentage of calls by having two more attendants successfully complete EMT Intermediate training and having a staff of five per diem and volunteer Paramedics. This has become more necessary, as the increased focus on outpatient care by the local hospitals and the health care community as a whole has placed more patients in the community needing a greater level of care. It also has been a benefit since most hospitals have experienced nursing shortages. These shortages make it difficult to transport patients to tertiary care facilities where they receive more advanced care than what an EMT Basic or Intermediate can provide. The need for Paramedics will continue to grow as the scope of health care continues to change. To meet this need we have a plan in place so that in the near future we should be able to provide Paramedic coverage on a 24-hour a day basis, allowing us to provide the highest level of quality patient care to the people who require our services.

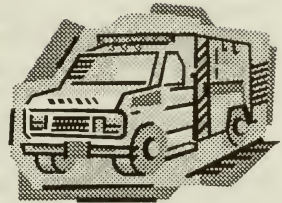
One of our focus areas is the continued improvement of the education of our members. We concentrate on having multiple continuing education sessions each month. We also encourage members to participate in many nationally recognized programs to improve their ability to provide objective patient assessments and deliver advanced medical interventions, along with providing a high level of customer service and satisfaction. Before closing I must commend the members of Lancaster EMS for one unbelievable statistic. Our average response time, from time of dispatch to time en-route with the ambulance in 2000, was 2.7 minutes. That is pretty impressive for a mostly volunteer organization. Finally the members of Lancaster EMS and I are always open to suggestions and ideas on how to do things better or to answer questions. Please do not hesitate to stop by and visit.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas W. Blanchette
Director

LANCASTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 2000 STATISTICS

<u>Response To:</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lancaster	245
Weeks Medical Center Hospital	206
Country Village Health Care Center	65
Jefferson	55
Lunenburg	38
Gilman	32
Maidstone	4
Guildhall	9
Concord, VT	11
Littleton Regional Hospital	28
Whitefield	9
Morrison Nursing Home	13
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	4
St. Johnsbury	3
Groveton	8
Colebrook	1
Stratford	4
Dalton	4
Randolph	5
Androscoggin Valley Hospital	2



<u>Runs:</u>	
1997 Freightliner (34A1)	402
1998 Ford type three (34A3)	305
1991 Ford type two (34A2)	32
Emergency trailer (34T1)	7

<u>Call Type:</u>	
Motor Vehicle Collisions	43
Fire Standby	50
Medical Emergencies	316
Emergency Patient Transfers	79
Non-Emergent Patient Transfers	173
DHART Helicopter Assist	21
Care Refused	34
No Transports	15
Homicides	1
Suicides	10
Paramedic Intercepts To Other Agencies	2
Station Coverage For Other Communities	2

LANCASTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
Roster of Lancaster EMS Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Town of Residence</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Position</u>
Tom Blanchette	Lancaster	NREMT-I	Director
Steven Jones	Lancaster	NREMT-I	Shift Supervisor
Ron Wert	Lancaster	NREMT-I	Public Information Officer
Rita Richardson	Lancaster	NREMT-I	Shift Supervisor
Tina Rexford	Lancaster	NREMT-B	Shift Supervisor
Brenda Ruggles	Dalton	NREMT-I	Shift Supervisor
Charity Blanchette	Lancaster	NREMT-B	Explorer Advisor
Kristen Jones	Lancaster	NREMT-B	Explorer Advisor
David Mooney	Littleton	NREMT-B	
Frank Brundle	Lancaster	NREMT-B	
Blake Janney	Lancaster	NREMT-B	
Sheryl Dubreuil	Lancaster	NREMT-B	
Cheryl Stearns	Groveton	NREMT-B	
Harold Mundell	Lunenburg	NREMT-B	
David Flynn	Groveton	NREMT-B	
Marcel Platt	Groveton	NREMT-I	
Jennifer Burke	Groveton	NREMT-I	
Timothy Page	Littleton	NREMT-P	
Greg Brewer	Lancaster	NREMT-B	
Jennifer Frenette	Lancaster	NREMT-I	
Steve Colby	Lunenburg	NREMT-B	
Tom Baird	Lunenburg	NREMT-B	
Alan Lambert	Lancaster	NREMT-P	
Steven Robbins	Woodsville	NREMT-P	
Joseph Elgosin	Whitefield	NREMT-B	Communication Specialist
Tammy Lazott	Lancaster	CCRN	
John Wilkinson	Lunenburg	First Responder	
Larry Coulter	Jefferson	NREMT-B	
Tom Culver	Lancaster	First Responder	
Anne Sweet	Jefferson	NREMT-B	
Suzanne Nile	Lancaster	NREMT-I	
Ed Mclean	Groveton	NREMT-I	
Rose Horsler	Lancaster	NREMT-B	
Stephanie Enman	Jefferson	NREMT-B	
Adam Smith	Littleton	NREMT-I	
Keri Grover	Lancaster	NREMT-B	
Tammy Ross	Littleton	NREMT-P	
Donna Frizzell	Lunenburg	NREMT-B	
Brian Johns	Groton, VT	NREMT-P	
Wes Hicks	Littleton	NREMT-I	
Lee Bean	Lancaster	NREMT-B	
Chris Boudreau	Lancaster	NREMT-B	
John Brosseau	Lancaster	NREMT-B	
Ian Tenney	East Hartford, CT	NREMT-B	
Mike Connors	Lancaster	NREMT-B	
Michelle Potteiger	Lunenburg	First Responder	

2000 AMBULANCE FINANCIAL REPORT

DEBITS

Uncollected Balance as of 12/31/99	\$ 71,532.40
Claims processed in 2000	\$ 198,275.01
Miscellaneous (copies)	\$ 189.00
Refunds - Overpayments	\$ 2,156.60

TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$ 272,153.01</u>
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CREDITS

Contract reimbursements	\$ 16,464.00
Paid Claims & Misc. reimbursements	\$ 162,169.30
Write-Offs	\$ 30,490.58
Uncollected as of 12/31/00	\$ 63,029.13

TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$ 272,153.01</u>
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Jim Whithed and his wife April visited with medical personnel who saved his life

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

2000 was a busy year! The first major undertaking of the year was the coordinated effort of several landowners in collaboration with several Federal, State, and Local Government officials to overcome the problems associated with the spring runoff in the Depot, Cemetery, and Main Street areas. As most people are aware, the runoff of e-coli-contaminated water through the Lancaster Play and Learning Center's playground area was of great concern to many people. It was only with the cooperation of all of the neighborhood residents and several agencies that a plan to mitigate and hopefully minimize any future problems was put into place. We hope that with all of the time and financial commitment that has been used to institute the mitigation plan there will be no further problems with springtime runoff in that area.

The next largest area of work was inspection of large accumulations of solid waste and demolition material which was not being disposed of properly. The citizens of Lancaster are urged to contact the town office as soon as they see accumulations of solid waste and demolition material. This is of vital importance, as we will most likely begin to see evidence of the West Nile Virus when the warmer months are upon us. Such accumulations are a prime spot for mosquitoes to gather as well as many other animals looking for food. The Town of Lancaster does have a local health ordinance which addresses this matter, and there is a schedule of fines which accompanies violations of the ordinance.

The amount of home inspections are increasing each year with a greater number of residents providing foster care and home daycare. We also have been working very closely with the Bureau of Food Protection assisting in inspection of our local eating and food preparation establishments.

A new area of Health Officer involvement will be to assist in a town-coordinated private well water quality testing program. The NH Department of Environmental Services Water Supply Engineering Bureau is strongly recommending that owners of private wells have their water tested annually by an independent testing laboratory. Drinking water from private wells in New Hampshire sometimes contains contaminants at levels that can pose health risks. Only a water-quality test, by a competent laboratory, can assure that your family is protected. The following contaminants, some naturally-occurring and others man-made, have been found in private well water in New Hampshire: arsenic, bacteria, fluoride, nitrate, radium, radon, sodium, uranium, and volatile organic chemicals.

To learn more about having your well water tested, please contact Tom Blanchette at the Town Office 788-3391, or you may visit the NH Department of Environmental Services website at www.des.state.nh.us/wseb then select "fact sheets", then 2-1.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas W. Blanchette



Lancaster EMS administering care at an accident scene



Fire at Dubreuil's on North Road

LANCASTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Another year has passed! This year we have made many changes in the department and have been very busy with inspections and issuing permits.

We had 82 fires this year that the department as a whole was called out on. That does not include some of the faulty smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors that were activated. **If your detector goes off and you are unsure of the reason, do not hesitate to call. We will check your home with our gas monitor to make sure that everything is safe.**

In the near future, the Town of Lancaster will be looking at the possibility of a full-time Fire Chief. Our town has continued to grow and the state mandates are becoming more stringent. A full-time chief would be better able to manage the volume of work involved in this position as well as additional duties as needed.

We have started a fundraiser to help pay for an infrared camera. It will be used in fire situations to locate people in total darkness, as is the case in a smoke-filled building. Also we can use the camera to check for fire extensions in order to limit the rekindles and possible wiring problems.

There are a couple new codes this year. The first one is a change in wording to read that no matter the size, shape or materials being burned, **all fires must have a permit**. The second is that all apartment houses with three or more apartments must have hard-wired smoke detectors.

The Lancaster Fire Department members would like to thank all of the businesses for the support, donations, and the involvement you have shown to us through the years. We realize that allowing the firemen to leave work to fight fires puts a great strain on your other employees. Your willingness to facilitate our efforts is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Currier
Lancaster Fire Chief

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing **ALL** outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information, visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols, and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department **BEFORE** using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete, or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing **ANY** outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

2000 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported through November 10, 2000)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	Numbers	Acres
Hillsborough	118	40
Rockingham	49	24
Merrimack	92	16
Belknap	54	13
Cheshire	41	20
Strafford	58	13
Carroll	46	10
Grafton	16	7
Sullivan	12	2
Coös	30	4

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452
1998	798	443



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Debris Burning	263
Miscellaneous*	151
Smoking	30
Children	17
Campfire	16
Arson/ Suspicious	14
Equipment Use	9
Lightning	9
Railroad	7

*Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown)

LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

As incidents requiring police attention continue to rise each year, the police department remains committed to providing the professional service in resolving these problems.



The process involved in dealing with criminal investigations has become far more complex in recent years. It requires many man-hours to properly complete an investigation. The hours that officers are required to spend in court hearings has increased dramatically as a result of this complex process.

Officers must attend training classes on a regular basis. This training allows officers to become aware of recent changes in laws and thereby ensures that everything possible is done to resolve each case.

The Lancaster Police Department offered many training classes and other agencies were invited to attend the classes. As a result, 51 officers representing 14 agencies took advantage of these training classes. Lancaster officers also attended classes offered by other police agencies as well as the NH Police Standards & Training Council.

An officer's responsibility does not end when the suspect is arrested. In fact the attempt to secure a conviction in court is a very difficult part of the process. The suspect has the right to be represented by an attorney in all cases. The police officer must prosecute his/her case in District Court without the assistance of an attorney and therefore spend many hours preparing each case. This includes responding to all court motions and making certain that all witnesses are subpoenaed as well as attending all hearings.

Despite the increase in activity and the more complex process, the Lancaster Police Department has not increased the size of its police force.

As we look to the future and establish goals, I believe there is an immediate need to hire another full-time police officer. In doing so it will allow greater flexibility in scheduling, thereby decreasing the number of overtime hours, and it will allow for more time spent on criminal case follow-up.

The Lancaster Police Department is here to serve members of the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We encourage people to report any suspicious activity. Your willingness to do so is very important. Information you provide will be kept confidential and though you may think it is insignificant, it could be the piece of the puzzle we need to solve a case.

I want to thank the members of our community for your continued support of the Lancaster Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Samson
Chief of Police

MEMBERS OF THE LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF EDWARD SAMSON
SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER ST. CYR
CORPORAL WILLIAM COLBORN
OFFICER PAUL HOOD OFFICER MARCEL PLATT
OFFICER JASON DESROCHERS

PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

OFC. MARIO AUDIT
OFC. TODD BROWN OFC. PATRICK CARR
OFC. MARTIN P. DRISCOLL OFC. WENDY HOUGHTON
OFC. CHARLES HUNTINGTON



Officer Paul Hood demonstrating canine training with King. Clark Benson acts as the suspect.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Animal	144
Assault	35
Bad Check	64
Burglary	13
Criminal Trespass	17
Prowler/Susp. Person	79
Harassment	27
Domestic Violence	56
Untimely Death	04
Theft	73
Drugs	12
Sexual Assault	07
Possession of Alcohol	13
Public Intoxication	03
Family Abuse/Neglect	12
Warrants Served	47
Forgery/Fraud	09
Resisting Arrest	02
Reckless Conduct	03
Shoplifting	07
Homicide	01
Criminal Mischief	60
Disorderly Conduct	13
Hindering Apprehension	01
Breach of Peace	118
Criminal Threatening	17
Stalking	05

ACCIDENTS

Damage over \$1000	92
Damage under \$1000	67
Accidents with Injuries	15
Fatals	0
Involving Animals	22
Hit and Run	05
Pedestrian/Bicycle	0

MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Driving While Intoxicated	35
Speeding	466
Unregistered Vehicle	81
Non-Inspection	211
Stop Sign/Yield	18
Driving After Suspension	17
Following too Close	03
Conduct after an Accident	01
Operating without License	11
Misuse of Plates	05
Improper Operation	65
Improper Passing on Right	05
Yellow Line	29
Passing School Bus	16
Defective Equipment	320
Parking Violations	93
Child Restraint	26
Open Container	09
Littering	14
Disorderly Conduct M/V	03
OHRV Violations	18
Failure to Dim Lights	09

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Motor Vehicle Warnings	409
Assist Motorist	172
Alarms Answered	106
Doors/Windows Opened	139
Assist Other Police	356
Breath/Blood Tests	45
Relays	92
Fires/Floods	25
Assist Other Agencies	813
Missing Persons	08

PUBLIC WORKS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Projects completed in 2000:

- Paved areas on Garland Road
- Paved Page Hill Road up to Trailer Park
- Paved Cemetery St. from Depot St. to Summer St.
- Paved the entrance to the covered bridge on Mechanic St.
- Prepared Centennial Park for the skating rink
- Continued ditching on gravel roads
- Added gravel to several roads
- Installed new guardrails at Page Hill Road and Garland Road

This year we are looking to purchase a new highway maintenance truck that would replace the red one-ton. It would be a heavier duty and have a 9 ft. plow and a sander body. We are also looking to purchase a snow blower for the sidewalk plow.

Projects to be completed in 2001 are:

- Rebuild and pave Gore School Hill
- Install new culverts and pave McGary Hill Rd.
- Start work on Summer St.
- Re-do some of the sidewalks on Main St.
- Loam and seed the area around the new skating rink
- Pave Stockwell Rd.

WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

This year the water and sewer department had a quiet year. Mike Huntington got his wastewater certification. We purchased the new water department truck, a Ford F350 with a service body. There were several water jobs done around town to improve the system:

- Installed a new water line on Stockwell Road with two new hydrants
- Water line at the nursing home eliminates the line that runs through the swamp and a new hydrant in front of the building.
- Addressing the low water pressure problem at Holton Park
- Installed four water wells on Portland St. to start the process of eliminating the cross-country water line that runs from North Rd. to the water reservoir
- Installation of the new water intake at the headwaters
- New generator at the Main Sewer Pump Station. Reducing the electrical consumption.
- GIS mapping of the sewer manholes and hydrants

Projects for 2001:

- Completion of pressure station at Holton Park
- Continue GIS work on the water and sewer lines around town
- Install new flow recorders at the reservoir
- Rebuild two manholes on Main St.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Patnoe,
Public Works Director



Mike Huntington (above) and (below) Alan Walker and "Gomer" Powell work on the water system.



LANCASTER TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

2000 M.S.W. BUDGET (P.A.Y.T.)

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	\$91,750.00	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	\$65,350.47
BUDGETED REVENUE	\$66,253.60	ACTUAL REVENUE	(\$70,078.50)
COST TO THE TAX PAYER			(--\$4,728.03)

2000 C&D BUDGET (DEMOLITION AND RECYCLING)

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	\$101,760.00	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	\$92,552.59
BUDGETED REVENUE	\$35,000.00	ACTUAL REVENUE	\$63,373.08
COST TO THE TAX PAYER			\$29,179.51

THE TOTAL COST TO THE TAX PAYER	\$24,451.48
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Here are a few things about the Transfer Station that you might find of interest:

- We have a new oil filter crusher that was purchased with grant money for automotive filters.
- We have a new demo grinder for bulky waste.
- We have a new waste oil furnace, one half of which was paid for with grant money.
- We have a third baler to help keep up with recycling.
- We have a new freon machine to remove the gas from refrigerators.
- It costs \$105.00 per ton to get rid of tires.
- It costs \$77.00 per ton to dispose of demolition waste.
- It costs \$61.00 per ton to dispose of garbage.
- It costs \$.09 a ft. to dispose of fluorescent bulbs.
- It costs \$450.00 a box to dispose of oil base paint.

This year our recycling rate is 58%.

This year we sent 497 tons of garbage to Crown Vantage Land Fill in Berlin, 205 tons of demolition material to Bethlehem, and 690 tons of recycled material to the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Patnoe
Public Works Director

REPORT OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Town welfare has provided financial assistance to families and individuals with identified and verified needs. The financial commitment by the Town has been helped with our work fair program.

The amount spent this past year is as follows:

WELFARE ACCOUNTABILITY								
ID	MONTH	TOTAL	FOOD	MEDICAL	RENT	ELECTRIC	MISC.	FUEL
1	January	\$3,050.00	\$100.00	\$663.00	\$1,289.00	\$0.00	\$112.00	\$886.00
2	February	3,072.00	130.00	797.00	1,175.00	88.00	0.00	882.00
3	March	1,854.00	235.00	310.00	925.00	284.00	0.00	100.00
4	April	1,506.00	80.00	185.00	965.00	76.00	100.00	100.00
5	May	1,267.00	25.00	0.00	757.00	435.00	50.00	0.00
6	June	2,643.00	0.00	140.00	1,260.00	367.00	480.00	396.00
7	July	1,002.00	20.00	293.00	0.00	589.00	100.00	0.00
8	August	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	575.00	0.00	75.00
9	September	1,657.00	105.00	405.00	700.00	297.00	0.00	150.00
10	October	2,315.00	100.00	0.00	1,275.00	890.00	0.00	50.00
11	November	2,221.00	115.00	21.00	1,100.00	675.00	145.00	165.00
12	December	1,277.00	145.00	201.00	519.00	0.00	0.00	412.00
	TOTALS	\$23,114.00	\$1,055.00	\$3,015.00	\$10,565.00	\$4,276.00	\$987.00	\$3,216.00

LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES

The Trustees of Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries oversee and maintain six cemeteries: Summer Street Cemetery (located across from the Col. Town field and at the end of Cemetery Street), Wilder Cemetery on Main Street (on the hill between the Methodist and Christian Science Churches), #10 Cemetery (located on Martin Meadow Pond Road), Marden Cemetery (located on North Road), a one-person lot (located on South Lancaster Road), and Wentworth Cemetery (located on Pleasant Valley Road).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank David Currier, who is the supervisor for all of the cemeteries, for doing a good job in maintaining our cemeteries. And also thanks are in order to his two new workers for the past season: Darwin Hurlbert, Jr. and Joshua Couturier.

Again, this year wasn't as good as we would have liked it to be. We had some vandalism at Summer Street Cemetery late last fall. Some of the stones damaged were very old. We would greatly appreciate it if you see anyone in any of the cemeteries and see things going on, that you would call one of the cemetery trustees, or report it to the Police Department immediately. Several trees came down due to acts of God – notably some trees in Summer Street Cemetery that were hit by lightning. We had hired Stuart Young of Young's Tree Service from Bethlehem, NH, to remove the remainder of the damaged and dead trees. Public Service Company of New Hampshire had a crew take down several pine trees at the Wilder Cemetery last fall. We would like to thank the Young's Tree Service and Public Service Company of New Hampshire for their work, especially for being careful not to damage any land and monuments, and the clean up afterward.

We have received many favorable comments about the condition of the cemeteries. We, as the committee, are proud of our cemeteries. We welcome any ideas and comments you may have, whether they are good or bad.

We had 14 regular burials and 11 cremation burials this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce White, Chairperson
Ronald N. Bailey
Michael W. Nadeau



North Country Homeschoolers march in the 4th of July parade



Colonel Town soccer

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

The Town of Lancaster reviewed and approved building permits for new buildings, additions, and renovations. The following is a summary of the permits:

<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location</u>
00-01	Michael & Elaine Gainer	Route 2, Portland Street
00-02	Weeks Hospital Association	173 Middle Street
00-03	Forbes Farm	Grange Road
00-04	Dana & Sharon Robinson	Route 2
00-05	David Parks	Causeway Street
00-06	Nancy Hodgdon	26 Summer Street
00-07	Ronald Rancourt	162 Elm Street
00-08	David & Jodie Robinson	4 Starr King Park Street
00-09	Gary T. Long	55-59 Main Street
00-10	Robert Snowman	North Road
00-11	P.J. Noyes Co., Inc.	Bridge Street
00-12	Rolland Kimball	6 Starr King Rd.
00-13	Timothy Crompton	222 Prospect St.
00-14	Larissa Cassady	28 Kilkenny St.
00-15	Durwood White	69 Mechanic Street
00-16	Mario Audit	16 Wolcott Street
00-17	Bill Novacek	64 Portland Street
00-18	Wilfred Hamel	33 Mechanic Street
00-19	Kevin and Mary Kopp	33 Mt. Prospect Rd.
00-20	Edward Samson, Jr.	Sand Street
00-21	Town of Lancaster	Park Street
00-22	Harold Munce	100 Bridge Steet
00-23	Bruce Hutchings	29 Arthur White Road
00-24	Darron Spalty	92 Elm Street
00-25	Rev. Tom & Dr. Louise Newman	166 Portland Street
00-26	Ronald Manville, Jr.	21 Causeway Street
00-27	Coos/Essex Agricultural Society	Lancaster Fairgrounds
00-28	Jennifer Batt	22 Prospect Street
00-29	John W. Weeks	120 Weeks Road
00-30	Jeff Zurheide	52 Flaherty Road
00-31	Brian J. and Kathie Ruth	314 Garland Road
00-32	Richard Rochefort	104 Main Street
00-33	Alan M. Savage	249 Summer Street
00-34	Roy McKinnon	333 Elm Street
00-35	Joseph Pearson	46 Portland Street

<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location</u>
00-36	Stuart & Elelia Allin	425 Elm Street
00-37	Norman A. Brown	6 Pine Haven Road
00-38	Carlos Caldaron	Robyn Lane
00-39	Larry Brown	512 Elm Street
00-40	Richard Belmore	63 Stockwell Road
00-41	Warren Hawes	106 Bunker Hill St.
00-42	Cones & More	176 Main St.
00-43	Jason Desrochers	44 Sand Street
00-44	Charles Frenette, Sr.	Page Hill Road
00-45	H. Redmond Thayer	No road; off Pleasant Valley Road
00-46	Pak 2000	16 Page Hill Road
00-47	Russell Dinallo	14 Evergreen Drive
00-48	Richard Finn	44 Achorn Hill Road
00-48b	Richard Finn	44 Achorn Hill Road
00-49	Nancy Colborn	37 Mechanic Street
00-50	Richard Belmore	63 Stockwell Road
00-51	Jerome O'Boyle	16 Grove Street
00-52	Portland Pipeline Corporation	309 Portland Street
00-53	Daniel Hebert, Inc.	215 Main Street
00-54	Bradford Oil Co., Inc.	381 Summer Street
00-55	Guilbert & Nancy Desrochers	484 Main Street
00-56	Richard J. Brisson, Jr.	68 Gore Road
00-57	James Burgess	Community Camp Road
00-58	Allen Bouthillier	Hodge Road

PLANNING BOARD

The Lancaster Planning Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room. The hearings are open to the public. Public meeting notices for each meeting are published and posted ten to fifteen days before each meeting:

This year the Board held hearings on the following:

- #483 Simon The Tanner, 55-59 Main Street
Interior and exterior renovations
- #484 Lancaster Kwik Stop, 100 Bridge Street
Parking lot
- #485 Town Of Lancaster & Lancaster Main Street Program, Welcome Center
Conversion of Thompson Mill Cog Building to Visitors' Center
- #486 Brown, Todd And Gale, Main Street
Parking lot and storage area
- #487 Pak Rat Self Storage, 249 Summer Street
Addition to existing storage unit
- #488 Mr. & Mrs. Everett Rexford, Elm Street
5-lot subdivision
- #489 McGinley To Cliché, 16 Richardson Street
Lot line adjustment
- #490 Congdon To Santa's Village, Inc., Off Route 2
Lot line adjustment
- #491 Easter Seals Of NH, 295 Main Street
Lodging facility
- #492 Portland Pipeline Corp , 309 Portland Street
Storage warehouse
- #493 Pik Quik Enterprises, LLC, 215 Main Street
Addition of Taco Bell and drive-up window
- #494 Bradford Oil Co.'s Lancaster Go Go, 281 Summer Street
Addition of new fuel island and canopy
- #495 Heirs Of Beverly Dubreuil, North Road
2-lot subdivision
- #496 High Peak, Inc., Industrial Park Road, Lot 13
Telecommunications tower

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board meets on the last Wednesday of each month, when required, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. This year the Board held the following hearings:

- #379 DaySpring, 50 Cathedral Road
Special Exception – signage
- #380 Jeffrey & Cheryl Shepard, Sr., Grange Road
Variance - mobile home in Agricultural zoning district (Withdrawn)
- #381 Todd & Gale Brown, Main Street
Special Exception to extend parking and storage into Agricultural zoning district
- #382 Tim Savage, Route 3 South (north side of Corrigan Hill)
Special Exception – signage
- #383 Richard Belmore, 63 Stockwell Road
Variance - Build closer to the lot line than allowed
- #384 Jerome O'Boyle, 16 Grove Street
Variance - Build closer to the lot line than allowed
- #385 High Peak, Inc., Industrial Park, Route 3 North
Special Exception to erect a telecommunications tower that will exceed the maximum allowed structure height of 35 feet
- #386 Colonel Town Fun-Raisers Booster Club, 16 High Street
Special Exception – Signage
- #387 Darron & Lyubov Spalty, 92 Elm Street
Variance - Raise animals in the Residential district

COLONEL TOWN RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2000 was the year of the "Fun-raisers" at Colonel Town. This group of volunteers had their hands in many Colonel Town activities and improvements. During the summer the booster club improved the baseball fields by repainting the dugouts, operating the snack bar, purchasing and putting up fence guard, painting the light poles, improving the infield conditions and purchasing a home run fence. The Fun-raisers spent a great deal of time creating and maintaining the town ice rink. Thanks to donations and fundraising efforts, the group purchased a new liner, built a utility shed, installed wooden borders and purchased a hand zamboni.

The Colonel Town pool had another successful summer even with the chilly weather. Thanks to the hard work and "never-say-die" attitude of the pool staff, the pool opened on time. It is getting harder and harder to get the pool open as wear and tear on the filter system has taken its toll. This summer we had to deal with a couple of cracked pipes sending dirt and rust back into the pool. Needless to say the vacuum worked overtime for the first week. We are in the process of looking at the cost of a new filter system and shell for the pool. Thanks to the McCarten Fund we have a nice start to reach the amount of funds needed to renovate the pool.

Many families and organizations enjoyed the Community House and surrounding facilities this year. Each day you could expect to see groups such as the Daisy's, Girl Scouts, Radio Club, Riding Club, Unity Club, Col. Town Seniors, Book Club, ACUDO, Davenport School, and many others either in the parlor or gym. Colonel Town offered over 50 programs and events this past year with our youngest participants (all of one year old!) taking part in Parent/Child swim lessons to our oldest participant (89 years young) moving in the mornings in our Seniors on the Move class.

Thanks to the many volunteers who donated many hours of their time and energy to better many children's lives at Colonel Town. Without your assistance our leagues and instructional programs would not have run. Each year Colonel Town recognizes one individual who has gone above and beyond to better the Town of Lancaster. This year's individual must sleep only four hours a night because he is always on the go. He helped coach in our youth soccer, basketball and baseball leagues; he spent countless hours at the snack bar and improving the baseball fields; he was the mastermind behind the town ice skating rink; he helped put up the basketball scoreboard; and if he drove by seeing myself or Blake mowing the fields, you would see him back in five minutes with a mower on his trailer, ready to help. With the countless hours given by this individual, Colonel Town programs has been given some new life. The Spending Committee is honored to present Mark Rivard as the Colonel Town volunteer of the year. Thanks again to Mark and all the other volunteers.

This coming year looks to be a challenging but exciting year for Colonel Town Recreation. The recreation department, with the help of the Lou Leaver Fund, installed a new fire alarm system. The ambulance department raised funds for a defibrillator for the Seniors on the Move program. We are looking at repairing the Community House roof and swimming pool filter system. You should see the adult and youth soccer teams back on the Colonel Town soccer field this summer using a newly irrigated field. The baseball fields will continue to improve their looks with the help of the booster club. Colonel Town will continue to offer programs for kids and adults throughout the year, concentrating in summer programs.

Colonel Town would like to thank three Spending Committee members who are leaving us in March. Thanks to Greg Christopher, Fred Bailey, and Ben Oleson for your time and effort over the last three years. Thanks again to everyone who makes Colonel Town such a special place.

Yours in Sports,

Michael A. Curtis



Colonel Town basketball



Colonel Town youth basketball



“Seniors on the Move” at Colonel Town



Colonel Town gymnastics



George "Kit" Carter and daughter, and many others, at the Daddy/Daughter Dance at the Colonel Town House

COLONEL TOWN RECREATION

2001 BUDGET

Income:

Donations	\$1,000.00
Fees & Charges	
Community Camp Income	1,500.00
Field Fees	500.00
House Fees	2,150.00
Pool Fees	15,500.00
Program Fees	28,640.00
Interest	500.00
Snack Bar Income	1,800.00
Vending Income	850.00
Trust Income	<u>119,000.00</u>

Total Income: \$ 171,440.00

Expenses:

Jr. High Awards	\$300.00
Audit Fees	500.00
Automobile Expense	300.00
Bank Service Charges	25.00
Col. Town Lot	125.00
Insurance	
Employee Disability	150.00
Employee Life Insurance	200.00
Health Insurance	13,500.00
Liability Insurance	2,900.00
Multi-Peril/ Vehicle	200.00
Treasurer Bond	100.00
Workers Compensation	3,700.00

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Maintenance/Repair	
Building - Honeywell	\$7,200.00
CC M/R	1,800.00
CH M/R	2,500.00
Equipment Repairs	534.00
Grounds	2,500.00
Playground M/R	100.00
Pool M/R	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00
Payroll & Related Expenses	83,468.00
Postage & Delivery	175.00
Printing & Reproduction	300.00
Program Expenses	
Contract Service	625.00
Halloween	1,000.00
Pool Program Expenses	1,500.00
Recreation Program Supplies	2,500.00
Referee	625.00
Travel Teams	4,008.00
Recreation Program Expenses	9,103.00
Recreation Conferences/ Meetings	300.00
Retirement - State of NH	1,800.00
Supplies	
Chemicals - Pool	2,500.00
M/R Supplies	1,200.00
Snackbar Supplies	1,520.00
Vending Supplies	532.00
Telephone	900.00
Treasurer's Pay	400.00
Utilities	
CC Electricity	2,200.00
CH Electricity	5,650.00
Pool Electricity	3,000.00
CH Fuel	5,300.00
Pool Fuel	1,700.00
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Total Expenses:	<u><u>\$ 171,440.00</u></u>

Colonel Town Recreation
Treasurer's Report Year End 2000

	Budget 2000	Actual 2000
Income		
Donations	1,000.00	25,735.00
Community Camp Income	1,850.00	1,430.00
Field Fees	500.00	550.00
House Fees	1,800.00	2,520.00
Pool Fees	16,500.00	15,553.50
Program Fees	26,000.00	31,504.70
Fundraising	2,000.00	0.00
Interest	880.00	661.24
Snackbar	0.00	2,268.27
Vending Income	600.00	910.50
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	55.00
Warrant	0.00	18,500.00
Trust Income	120,000.00	113,679.40
Total Income	\$171,130.00	\$213,367.61
Expenses		
Jr. High Awards	350.00	200.00
Audit Fees	500.00	500.00
Automobile Expense	500.00	500.00
Bank Service Charges	25.00	25.00
Capital Expenditures	0.00	15,661.20
Col. Town Lot	125.00	106.00
Employee Disability	150.00	150.00
Employee Life Insurance	200.00	200.00
Health Insurance	13,500.00	13,500.00
Liability Insurance	2,900.00	2,900.00
Multi Peril/Vehicle Insurance	200.00	200.00
Treasurer Bond	100.00	100.00
Workers Compensation	3,700.00	3,700.00
Honeywell Contract	7,200.00	7,200.00
M/R Supplies	1,000.00	1,754.49
CC M/R	1,000.00	1,642.94
CH M/R	1,800.00	2,673.06
Equipment Purchase	0.00	232.95
Equipment Repairs	300.00	2,305.96
Grounds	2,000.00	2,610.75
Grounds - Skateboard Park	0.00	809.22
Playground M/R	150.00	0.00
Pool Supplies/Chemicals	2500	3002.59
Pool M/R	2,500.00	4,581.73
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,773.94
Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,977.89
Payroll & Related Expenses	90,700.00	94,765.33
Postage	250.00	175.00
Printing	100.00	201.03
Contract Services	1,500.00	1,206.75
Halloween	1,400.00	1,765.46

Pool Program Expenses	1,500.00	1,300.28
Program Supplies	3,000.00	1,816.88
Referees	700.00	695.00
Travel Team Expenses	2,000.00	4,424.49
Other Program Expenses	5,800.00	12,838.53
Program/Recreation Conference/Meetings	300.00	550.06
Snackbar Supplies	0.00	1,955.94
Vending Supplies	400.00	1,024.81
Telephone	1,000.00	1,000.00
Trash Removal	2,160.00	1,791.75
Treasurers Pay	400.00	400.00
CC Electric	1,475.00	2,124.16
CH Electric	5,300.00	5,270.58
Pool Electric	2,500.00	3,096.22
CH Fuel	3,000.00	9,551.43
Pool Fuel	1,400.00	1,705.54
Sewer	1,350.00	1,652.00
Water	2,195.00	2,346.50

TOTAL EXPENSE	\$171,130.00	\$219,965.46
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Net Gain/Loss	\$0.00	(\$6,597.85)
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Easter festivities at Colonel Town

**REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF LANCASTER
BENEFICIARIES OF THE COL. FRANCIS L. TOWN TRUST**

2000 was a challenging year for the Colonel Town Trust, as all broad financial market indices suffered declines, and the S&P 500 stock index was down 9.1%. Considering this environment, the Trust performed reasonably well, but did not achieve its goals of increasing payments to the Spending Committee while growing the principal account in real (after-inflation) dollars.

Payments to the Colonel Town Spending Committee decreased \$2,292 from the prior year, down 1.9% to a total of \$117,068 for the year. These payments represent an income yield of 3.4% on the 12/31/99 Trust principal balance of \$3,456,184.

The market value of the Trust's remaining principal declined 3.4%, an amount equal to the payments made to the Spending Committee. Thus, the account would have "broken even" for the year if no distributions had been made. This is encouraging for a year in which financial markets were in significant decline; however, inflation was also 3.4% during 2000, eroding the Trust's real dollar value. While this is cause for some concern, it comes after several years during which the principal grew much faster than inflation, and therefore is not alarming.

The market value of the Trust at year-end was \$3,339,498. Expenses of administration decreased \$808 from the prior year, to a total of \$10,856. This amount is 0.32% (.0032) of the average assets held by the Trust during the year.

The Investment Committee continued its meetings during the year to review the Trust's administration, and met with the investment management firm, Charter Trust Company. In order to help preserve the current income (for payments to the Spending Committee) in the face of declining yields on debt securities, we directed Charter to sell some equities during the year and adjust the portfolio to hold more bonds and fewer stocks.

Looking ahead, we do not expect dramatic gains during 2001, and in fact expect to face some more challenging equity markets. Nonetheless, the Investment Committee will endeavor to produce slightly more current income for use in Colonel Town programs, while growing the inflation-adjusted principal of the fund in order to preserve its earning power for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

**TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER, UNDER WILL OF FRANCIS L. TOWN
(COLONEL TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE)**

Roger Gingue, Chairman
David Hill, Treasurer
Dennis Merrow
Phillip Drapeau (resigned)
Donald L. Crane
James Whithed
Hal Goolman

INVENTORY OF MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT

HIGHWAY

1964 Culvert Thawing Machine
1965 Joy Compressor
1966 General Utility Trailer
1978 Steam Thawing Unit-Lookout Boiler
1983 Gilson Mower
1985 Eager Beaver Roller SRH300
1985 Swenson Materials Body Spreader
1985 Chevy 1-ton Dump w/Plow-Sander
1989 Mobil Street Sweeper
1990 Bolens Mower
1990 Ford L8000 Dump Truck w/Plow
1989 International Dump Truck
1992 John Deere Loader/Backhoe 310D
1992 Bombardier Sidewalk
Plow/Sander/Sweeper
1992 Compactor

1993 Swenson Materials Body Spreader
1993 Homemade Utility Trailer
1995 Caterpillar 120G Road Grader
1995 International Dump Truck w/Plow
1995 Swenson Spreader
1996 Everest 11' Power Angle Plow
1997 Case Loader 621BXT
1997 Adjustable Loader Forks
1998 Troy-Bilt GTX16 Lawn Mower
2000 Mack Dump w/Plow
2000 Swenson Material Body Spreader

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1998 Ford Crown Victoria - Cruiser
2000 Ford Crown Victoria - Cruiser

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1930 Hose Cart
1934 Maxim Pumper
1968 Thibault 100' Aerial Ladder Truck
1978 Mack-Boyer Pumper (Universal)
1986 International Tanker
1989 Spartan E-One Pumper
1989 GMC Med. duty Wheeled Coach

AMBULANCE CORPS

1985 Chevrolet 1-ton flatbed
1991 Ford Van-Type II Nat Ambulance
1994 Pace American 14' enclosed trailer
1998 Freightliner Medium-duty McCoyMiller
Ambulance
1998 Ford E350 mini-modular McCoyMiller
Ambulance

WATER & SEWER

1992 Ford F250 Pickup
1994 Power Jet Sewer Machine
1994 Trench Box
1995 Load Rite Trailer
2000 Ford F350 Pickup and Mechanic's body

TRANSFER STATION

1985 John Deere Loader 544C
1995 Bobcat Skidsteer
- Utility Trailer with homemade box
- Utility trailer
- Balers

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

The values shown are not intended to be true values, some are cost basis and others are estimates, used for prior specific purposes:

Description

Town Hall, Fire Station, Highway Garage - Land and Buildings	\$ 907,000.00
Police Station	92,350.00
Weeks Memorial Library	266,350.00
Prospect Street, Land & Building	29,500.00
Parks, Commons & Playgrounds	123,000.00
Water Supply Facilities	1,538,500.00
Wastewater Plant Facilities	3,076,900.00
Wastewater Treatment Facilities - Grange	307,700.00
Parking Lots	89,230.00
Town Forest	92,250.00
Community Camp	83,750.00
Recreation Lands & Buildings - Col. Town	307,700.00
Land - Israel River Island	3,650.00
Land - Ice Retention Structure	3,600.00
Martin Meadow Pond - Public Access	19,000.00
Land - Off Pleasant Valley Road	12,000.00
Land - Mechanic Street	16,500.00

Land acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds:

Riverside Drive Lot R10-27	\$ 14,650.00
Causeway Street (3 Lots) P2-24, 25, 26	1,050.00
Page Hill Lot R3-5	20,400.00
Middle Street Lot P7-70	15,300.00
Land - Grange Road R11-26	12,900.00
Land - Grange Road R11-14	6,600.00
Land - Grange Road R6-17	2,600.00
Land - Rte 3 North R1-17B	8,250.00
Land & Building - Garland Road R12-10	24,650.00
Land & Building - Grange Road R11-8B	19,100.00
Land - Holton Park P14-29	8,150.00
Land - Holton Park P14-5A	3,450.00

WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER – HOME HEALTH SERVICES

Greetings and best wishes to the residents of Lancaster from Weeks Medical Center - Home Health Services. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the staff, I want to thank you for your continued support and caring. Without the Town's investment in the agency and its Mission, we could not have served so many residents of the North Country.

We begin the new millennium and 2000 with the following highlights:

- * Weeks Medical Center – Modernization Project to Better Serve You. The Board of Trustees of Weeks Medical Center made a major commitment with its decision to modernize the hospital and its rehabilitation services. The project will greatly improve the facility and expand very needed services. Since the national trend for rural hospitals is to have fewer acute, inpatient beds, the design of the renewed facility is to strengthen its outpatient services (including home health services).
- * Prospective Payment System (PPS): The home care industry has survived the implementation of Medicare's Interim Payment System (IPS), which forced the closing of over 2000 home health agencies nationally. Effective October 1st of 2000, a completely new system of Medicare reimbursement has been implemented for home health agencies. The Prospective Payment System is similar to hospital's DRG (diagnostic related groups), where services and reimbursement is based on the nature of the patient's diagnosis, their functional limitations and their rehabilitation requirements. Although there are no changes in Medicare eligibility for home care patients, the impact of the new reimbursement system will force agencies to carefully manage patient services. Again, it will be a year of adjustments and learning the new system.
- * Praising an Excellent Nursing Team. It is often that I get notes from patients and families expressing their appreciation for our nursing staff. I want to share with you my praise for a great team: Sandra Yunghans, BSN, Clinical Nurse Manager; Marlene May, RN, Supportive Care and Hospice Manager; and the staff nurses: Patricia Arnesen, RN, of Jefferson, Harriet Beattie, RN, of Lancaster, Brenda Cunnien, BSN, of Lancaster, Susan Doyle, RN, of Lancaster, Teri Lacasse, RN, of Lunenburg, Penny McKinnon of Littleton, and Anna Zanes, RN, of Lancaster.
- * Visits/Units for the Total Agency: Total Patients = 469. Skilled Nursing = 5526. Home Health Aide = 10,607. Rehabilitation/Social Services = 1,018. Homemaker Units = 18,806. Total = 36,941.
- * Visits Specific to the Town of Lancaster: Total Patients = 129. Skilled Nursing = 1690. Home Health Aide = 2853. Rehabilitation/Social Services = 182. Homemaker Units = 7250. Total Visits/Units = 11,975.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your community. The commitment of Weeks Medical Center - Dartmouth-Hitchcock and the Home Health Services is *"We're here for you!"*.

Bob Fink, MSW, Director

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 14, 2000

At 8:00 A.M. Moderator Paul D. Desjardins declared the polls opened for voting on Article 1, the election of municipal officers. The polls closed for this purpose at 7:00 P.M. Prior to opening the polls, the ballot clerks were sworn in and the ballot boxes were inspected and locked.

At 7:30 P.M. Moderator Desjardins opened the business session of the Annual Town Meeting and welcomed all.

He introduced himself as well as Town Clerk Jean Oleson, Selectboard Linda Hutchins, Christopher Parker and David Stickney and Town Manager Patrick Kelly. The Girl Scouts presented the colors and lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A special thank you was conveyed to Connie Cardinal by the Board of Selectmen for her years of service as Supervisor of the Checklist. Selectman Stickney was thanked for his term of service as Selectman.

Article 1 Election of officers.

Selectman, Bruce Hutchings	3 year term
Moderator, Paul D. Desjardins	2 year term
Supervisor of the Checklist	
Maryrose Corrigan	6 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds, James H. Whithed	3 year term
Library Trustee, Jon Dugan-Henriksen	3 year term
Cemetery Trustee, Ronald N. Bailey	3 year term
Emmons Smith Fund, Jean C. Foss	3 year term
Budget Committee (3)	
Richard Belmore	3 year term
Roger Gingue	3 year term
Ronald E. Wert	3 year term
Col. Town Spending Committee (3)	
Sharon Atkinson	3 year term
Trisha Rivard	3 year term
Richard Sarette	3 year term
Col. Town Investment Committee	
Hal B. Goolman	

Article 2

To move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00, said sum to be part of any Federal, State, Local or Private Funds made available therefor for the purchase and improvement of the Rexford Property on 202 Summer Street Map P2, Lot 5-1 and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) in a sum not to exceed (\$200,000.00); to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept Federal, State or other aid, if any, which may be available for such project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectmen to invest said monies; to authorize the Selectmen to take any action or to pass any other vote related thereto. (Vote by paper ballot after discussion - 2/3rds vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 2 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Moderator Desjardins declared the polls open at 8:00 P.M. for voting on Article 2.

The moderator declared the polls closed for balloting on Article 2 at 9:00 P.M.

Article 2 failed - 176 ballots cast, 113 yes and 63 no. Did not have the required 2/3rds.

Article 3

To move to see if the voters will authorize the Board of Selectmen to remove existing parking meters, install 2 – hour parking signs and increase ticket fees from \$2.00 to \$15.00. (By Petition. Main Street Program) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Article 3 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 3 failed.

Article 4

To move to see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) for future costs related to the Solid Waste Management Municipal Solid Waste Pay As You Throw Program and to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for this purpose, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. The appropriation will be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for the Municipal Solid Waste Pay As You Throw Program to defray future costs. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 4 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 4 was in the affirmative.

Article 5

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00 for the support of the Caleb Group (enhancing independent living). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 5 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 5 was in the affirmative.

Article 6

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the support of the Lancaster Humane Society. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 6 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 6 was in the affirmative.

Article 7

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,845.00 for the support of the Lancaster Court Diversion Program. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 7 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 7 was in the affirmative.

Article 8

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the support of the North Country Meals Program. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 8 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 8 was in the affirmative.

Article 9

To move to appropriate the sum of \$.50 per capita (\$1,750.00) for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority for the current fiscal year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 9 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 9 was in the affirmative.

Article 10

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,805.00 for the support of White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 10 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 10 was in the affirmative.

Article 11

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for the support of the American Red Cross – Greater White Mountain Chapter. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article 11 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 11 was in the affirmative.

Article 12

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for the support of the Tri County Community Action Program. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 12 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 12 was in the affirmative.

Article 13

To move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain real property on Kilkenny Street, said land abutting lots P3/29, 29A, 31, 34, 36. Said parcel will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by purchaser.

Article 13 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 13 was in the affirmative.

Article 14

To move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain real property on Page Hill Road, Map R3, Lot 5 - 50.6 acres. Said parcel will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by purchaser.

Article 14 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed

The vote on Article 14 was in the affirmative.

Article 15

To move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain real property on Mechanic Street (P11, Lot 26). Said parcel will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by purchaser.

Article 15 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 15 was in the affirmative.

Article 16

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to purchase a truck and plow package and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 16 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 16 was in the affirmative.

Article 17

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000.00 to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

Town Re-evaluation	\$ 10,000.00
Highway	\$ 20,000.00
Fire Dept.	\$ 15,000.00
Landfill Closeout	\$ 25,000.00
Bridge Replacement	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 95,000.00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 17 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 17 was in the affirmative.

Article 18

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,500.00 to help fund capital improvements to the Colonel Town Community Building. The improvements will include painting the trim on the building, repairing/replacing the roof and the construction of a new sign for the building. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 18 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 18 was in the affirmative.

Article 19

To move to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the upgrade of Mt. Prospect Road. (Move road from present location - Riviere to Kopp - place intersection across from Martin Meadow Pond Road. This is approximately one half the estimated cost for the two year project. Estimated total cost is \$75,000 to \$80,000). (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article 19 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The Article failed.

Article 20

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for curbside pick up of trash and recyclables on rural routes and to authorize the Selectmen to establish a rural route solid waste curbside service. (By Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article 20 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The Article failed.

Article 21

To move to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court: Resolved, New Hampshire's natural, cultural and historic resources in this town and throughout the state are worthy of protection and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources. (By Petition)

Article 21 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 21 was in the affirmative.

Article 22

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,201,283.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include monies in Warrant Articles 2, 4, 5-12 and 18-20. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 22 was moved and seconded.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 22 by \$7,000.00, and change the operating budget figure to \$3,194,283.00.

The vote on the motion to amend Article 22 was in the affirmative.

Article 22 as amended

To move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,194,283.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include monies in Warrant Articles 2, 4, 5-12 and 18-20. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Discussion followed.

The vote on Article 22 as amended was in the affirmative.

Article 23

To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to reconsider Article 2.

The moderator stated that there could be more discussion but ruled the motion out of order based on the number of people who had already left the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to overrule the Moderator's decision.

The motion to overrule failed.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to recount the ballots on Warrant Article 2.

A motion was made and seconded to advise the Selectboard to pursue a special town meeting.

The vote on the motion was in the affirmative.

Results of recount of Article 2: 112 yes, 63 no.
Article 2 failed.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 P.M.

Moderator Desjardins declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

LANCASTER MAIN STREET PROGRAM

81 Main Street, PO Box 123, Lancaster

or email: lancmainst@connriver.net

The Board of Directors of the Lancaster Main Street Program would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the Town of Lancaster – town officials, merchants and citizens alike for their continued support of our efforts during 2000. In 2000, the Lancaster Main Street Program accomplished the following:

- ★ Publication of a larger, revised *Things to do in Lancaster* brochure
- ★ Our First Annual Lancaster Food Festival
- ★ Publication and sale of our attractive new cookbook, *Lancaster Cooks!*
- ★ Installation of six beautiful bridge planters on the Israel River Bridge
- ★ Another successful season of the Lancaster Farmer's Market
- ★ Organization of the Lancaster Street Fair
- ★ Completion of our comprehensive business recruitment plan, *Building Your Business In Lancaster*
- ★ Direction of the Olde Tyme Christmas celebration

Although 2000 was a very successful and productive year for our program, it was a transition year as we have hired a new executive director and we will soon move into our new home within the new Welcome Center. 2001 is shaping up to be even better with plans to open the Welcome Center, completion of Phase II of the Riverwalk Project, and a facade grant improvement program as well as the continuation of several annual events such as the Lancaster Food Festival, sale of *Lancaster Cooks!*, the Lancaster Street Fair and the Olde Tyme Christmas celebration.

Yet, none of this would be possible without the support of our sponsors, our volunteers and the officials, merchants and citizens of Lancaster. From all of us at the Lancaster Main Street Program, "Thank You"!

If you would like more information on your Lancaster Main Street Program feel free to stop by our office from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or call our new Executive Director Bill Cook at 788-2476.

Respectfully submitted,

Lancaster Main Street Program Board of Directors

Paul Perregaux, Chairman

Ned Finkel, Vice Chairman

Jan Surrige

Bob Christie

Jean Tenney

Alexis Moser

Donna Brewster

Bruce Houghton

Peter Powell

Dean Walts

Aurore Hood

Marsha Gingue

NOTES:

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF LANCASTER
LANCASTER TOWN WARRANT
2001

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Coos, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, at Eight O'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be open at said meeting place on said date from Eight O'clock in the forenoon to act upon Articles 1 & 2 by written ballot. Polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for balloting.

The business meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. at the above mentioned Town Hall to act upon the remaining articles.

ARTICLE 1: To choose One (1) Selectman for three (3) years; One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for three (3) years; One (1) Library Trustee for three (3) years; One (1) Cemetery Trustee for three (3) years; One (1) Emmons Smith Fund Committee member for three (3) years; Three (3) Budget Committee members for three (3) years; One (1) Budget Committee member for 1 (1) year: Three (3) Colonel Town Spending Committee members for three (3) years.

ARTICLE 2: To see what action the Town will take on two (2) amendments relative to the Lancaster Zoning Ordinance.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase or to enter into a long term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of **Seventy One Thousand Dollars (\$71,000.00)** payable, at the discretion of the Selectmen, over a term of four (4) years at a rate of Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) per year for the purpose of acquiring an ambulance, and to raise and appropriate Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) for the current year lease or purchase payment. (Voted by written ballot after discussion - 2/3rds vote required). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,200.00)** for the support of the Caleb Group (enhancing independent living). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** for the support of the Lancaster Humane Society. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00)** for the support of the North Country Meals and Transportation Program. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$.75 per capita (**Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and Seventy Five Cents - \$2,637.75**) for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority for the current fiscal year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$5,805.00)** for the support of White Mountain Mental Health and Development Services. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00)** for the support of the American Red Cross - Greater White Mountain Chapter. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00)** for the support of the Tri-County Community Action Program. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$.50 per capita (**One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars - \$1,750.00**) for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce for the current fiscal year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$230.00)** for the support of the North Country Home Health Program. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)** for the support of Project AHEAD (Affordable Housing Education & Development). (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** to purchase ambulance equipment and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to investigate (pursuant RSA Chapter 38) the purchase of an electric producing facility (Canaan Hydro) and raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** for this purpose and to return to the Town with a cost and recommendation upon completion of the study. (Recommended by the 'Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00)** from the fund balance surplus to build an ambulance building on 21 Mechanic Street and this appropriation is non lapsing for two years. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)** for the purpose of bridge replacement and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$5,800.00)** to purchase a sidewalk plow snowblower and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00)** to purchase a truck and plow package and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purchase of an auger monster and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Sanitation Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

Town Revaluation	\$ 20,000.00
Highway	\$ 20,000.00
Fire Dept.	\$ 20,000.00
Landfill Closeout	\$ 25,000.00
PAYT Program	\$ 10,000.00
Bridge Replacement	\$ 25,000.00

Total	\$ 120,000.00
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(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35:1) for future costs of capital improvements to the Colonel Francis L. Town property and facilities and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** for this purpose, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35:1) for the future costs of building and repair related to The Weeks Memorial Library and to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** for this purpose, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. The appropriation will be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for The Weeks Memorial Library to defray future costs. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the town will vote to decrease preventable air pollution by prohibiting the domestic burning of all recyclable items, garbage, and trash in barrels, stoves, furnaces, fireplaces and outdoor piles, and to take whatever measures and expenditures necessary to provide alternative services to dispose legally of recyclables, garbage, and trash in the Village Precinct and in all rural areas within the Town of Lancaster. (By Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Million Three Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$3,365,290.00)** which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include monies in Warrant Articles 4-20, 22 & 23. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 26: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and One.

/s/ Linda E. Hutchings
Linda E. Hutchings
/s/ Christopher S. Parker
Christopher S. Parker
/s/ _____
Bruce Hutchings

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster, N.H.

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT ATTEST:

/s/ Linda E. Hutchins
Linda E. Hutchins

/s/ Christopher S. Parker
Christopher S. Parker

/s/ _____
Bruce Hutchings

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster, N.H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LANCASTER, NH

**Estimated expenditures for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001
with Estimated and Actual Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year,
January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.**

Purposes of Appropriation	Actual Approp. Current Year	Actual Expend. Current Year	Selectmen's Budget Ens. Fisc. Year	Bud. Com. Recom. Ens. Fisc. Year	Bud. Com. NOT Recom. Year
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	\$49,350.00	\$47,922.00	\$51,200.00	\$52,700.00	
Elec., Reg. & Vital Stat.	\$34,580.00	\$34,939.00	\$34,610.00	\$34,610.00	
Financial Administration	\$133,770.00	\$133,549.00	\$139,920.00	\$139,920.00	
Legal Expense	\$15,000.00	\$13,594.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
Personnel Administration	\$183,250.00	\$182,612.00	\$202,250.00	\$202,250.00	
Planning & Zoning	\$21,200.00	\$17,614.00	\$23,100.00	\$23,100.00	
General Government Bldg.	\$46,800.00	\$47,828.00	\$59,300.00	\$56,300.00	\$3,000.00
Cemeteries	\$37,325.00	\$37,315.00	\$36,220.00	\$36,220.00	
Insurance	\$81,200.00	\$56,564.00	\$70,800.00	\$70,800.00	
Advertising & Reg. Assoc.	\$17,250.00	\$16,902.00	\$17,800.00	\$17,800.00	
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	\$319,953.00	\$314,760.00	\$360,378.00	\$360,378.00	
Ambulance	\$235,515.00	\$223,244.00	\$288,450.00	\$283,450.00	\$5,000.00
Fire	\$78,390.00	\$76,620.00	\$120,540.00	\$120,540.00	
Lancaster Fair	\$15,000.00	\$13,099.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
Special Investigation - Police	\$40,000.00	\$15,756.00			
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER					
Airport Operations	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00			
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
Highways and Streets	\$419,420.00	\$403,366.00	\$429,720.00	\$429,720.00	
Street Lighting	\$32,000.00	\$32,157.00	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00	
Parking Meters	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Collection	\$20,000.00	\$20,195.00	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$193,510.00	\$163,103.00	\$177,950.00	\$177,950.00	
Sewer Department	\$229,170.00	\$218,133.00	\$221,786.00	\$221,786.00	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT					
Water Services	\$310,405.00	\$285,471.00	\$321,891.00	\$321,891.00	
HEALTH					
Administration and Pest Control	\$2,750.00	\$2,715.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	
Health Agencies & Hosp.	\$20,909.00	\$20,909.00	\$15,104.00	\$15,104.00	

Purposes of Appropriation	Actual Approp. Current Year	Actual Expend. Current Year	Selectmen's Budget Ens. Fisc. Year	Bud. Com. Recom. Ens. Fisc. Year	Bud. Com. NOT Recom. Year
WELFARE					
Direct Assistance	\$27,000.00	\$24,324.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	
Other Programs	\$10,600.00	\$10,600.00			
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Parks & Recreation	\$194,130.00	\$192,557.00	\$209,940.00	\$208,940.00	\$1,000.00
Library	\$188,406.00	\$188,390.00	\$173,131.00	\$173,131.00	
Patriotic Purposes	\$3,000.00	\$4,046.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
DEBT SERVICE					
Prin-Long Term Bonds/Notes					
Int.-Long Term Bonds/Notes					
Interest on TAN	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Mach., Veh., & Equip	\$90,000.00	\$92,189.00			
Buildings	\$20,000.00	\$82,755.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
Improvements other than Bldgs.	\$66,650.00	\$72,783.00	\$154,000.00	\$154,000.00	
OPERATING TRANSFERS					
Capital Reserve Funds	\$105,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$3,246,283.00	\$3,143,561.00	\$3,372,790.00	\$3,365,290.00	\$9,000.00

**Estimated revenues for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001
with Estimated and Actual Revenues of the Previous Year,
January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.**

Sources of Revenues	Estimated Revenue Current Year	Actual Revenue Current Year	Selectmen's Budget Ens. Fisc. Year	Estimated Revenues Ens. Fisc. Year
TAXES				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$8,000.00	\$6,960.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Resident Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$25,000.00	\$26,267.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$11,176.00	\$16,916.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Other Taxes	\$2,500.00	\$2,454.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Int & Pen - Delinquent Taxes	\$59,975.00	\$65,272.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
Business Licenses & Permits	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$460,000.00	\$470,327.00	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00
Building Permits	\$500.00	\$620.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Other Lic., Permits & Fees	\$19,050.00	\$23,121.00	\$18,885.00	\$18,885.00
Emergency Management	\$1,627.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
FROM STATE				
Shared Revenue	\$40,329.00	\$79,374.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
Highway Block Grant	\$78,804.00	\$78,804.00	\$78,000.00	\$78,000.00
State & Federal Forest Land	\$1,837.00	\$1,837.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Other	\$24,097.00	\$107,123.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Room & Meals Taxes	\$80,312.00	\$80,312.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Income from Departments	\$175,000.00	\$236,040.00	\$209,400.00	\$210,900.00
Other Charges (Ambulance)	\$160,000.00	\$178,633.00	\$183,000.00	\$183,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
Sale of Municipal Property	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$32,500.00	\$32,500.00
Interest on Investments	\$50,000.00	\$67,295.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Col Town - Cemeteries - Library	\$237,613.00	\$234,281.00	\$210,560.00	\$210,560.00
INTERFUND OPER. TRANSFERS IN				
Sewer	\$229,170.00	\$205,488.00	\$221,786.00	\$221,786.00
Water	\$310,405.00	\$278,797.00	\$321,891.00	\$321,891.00
Capital Reserve Funds	\$40,000.00	\$135,197.00		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proc from Long Term Notes & Bonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Balance	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$2,162,920.00	\$2,440,168.00	\$2,173,822.00	\$2,175,322.00
Total Appropriations (Excl. of Certain Warrant Articles)			\$3,365,290.00	
Less: Amt. of Est. Revs. (Excl. of Taxes)			\$2,175,322.00	
Amt. of Taxes Raised (Excl. of School & County)			\$1,189,968.00	



Main Street in winter splendor



Main Street bridge flowerbox planting



The Old Cog Building, soon to be the new Welcome Center



Lost in Time Cruisers

I'M TIRED !!

Yes, I'm tired. For several years I've been blaming it on middle-age, iron poor blood, lack of vitamins, air pollution, water pollution, saccharin, obesity, dieting, underarm odor, yellow wax buildup, and a dozen other maladies that make you wonder if life is really worth living.

But now I find out, tain't that...
I'm tired because I'm overworked !!

The population of this country is 200 million. Eight-four million are retired. That leaves 116 million to do the work. There are 75 million in school, which leaves 41 million to do the work. Of this total, there are 22 million employed by the government.

That leaves 19 million to do the work.

Four million are in the Armed Forces, which leaves 15 million to do the work. Take from that total the 14,800,000 people who work for State and City Government and that leaves 200,000 to do the work. There are 188,000 in hospitals, so that leaves 12,000 to do the work.

Now, there are 11,998 people in prisons. That leaves just two people to do the work.

You and me !!

And you're sitting there reading this. No wonder I'm tired.

HERITAGE TRAIL COMMITTEE



The New Hampshire State Heritage Trail is a 230-mile walking path from the Massachusetts border to Canada. The 12-mile Lancaster portion of the trail starts at the Dalton town line on Martin Meadow Pond Road, and ends on Page Hill Road at the Northumberland town line. Maps are available at the town hall, the information booth, downtown business areas, and local motels and B&B's. Additional maps can be obtained by leaving a message at the library, or by calling the chairman of the committee, Robby Robinson (802) 892-1026.

The Heritage Trail exists in large part through the gracious consent of many landowners. The committee and the town extend our thanks to them. Some even help maintain the portion of the trail that passes through their property. Please respect their land as you would all private property. They have not granted permission for wheeled vehicles. These vehicles damage the trail, especially in the spring. The trail is for hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing only. There are cleared parking areas at several spots along the trail.

Two sections of trail have been rerouted or redone this year. On Bunker Hill the trail formerly along Middle Street and Fletcher Street now enters the woods near the top of Hill Street and continues over a new section until it joins the original trail. The new section is now marked with blazes. A half-mile section of the popular Reed Road to Portland Street (Route 2) trail just north of the pipeline was clear-cut this spring. This section has been reestablished through the efforts of several committee members and the help of Cub Scout Pack #219. This section is ideal for snowshoeing. As it may be hard to follow in winter snows owing to a lack of trees for yellow blazes, we have tied colored cloths on some twigs. Work is ongoing.

The committee meets about ten months of the year on the first Monday of the month in the Weeks Memorial Library. Notice of the meeting is published in the Beacon's weekly Calendar of Events under "Regular Happenings, Monthly Events". We need and welcome volunteers of all ages to join the committee and help improve and maintain the trails. The trail is a valuable asset to the town and it is easily reached from Main Street. Those of us who hike are glad to give something back for the hours of enjoyment that we find in the woods.

Our thanks to our Town Clerk's office for issuing our monthly report.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

Richard Robinson, Chairman

COÖS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

After more than a year of inactivity and restructuring, Coös Economic Development Corp. is back on its feet and stronger than ever, having broader roots into all corners of the county. Board members represent Berlin, Colebrook, Groveton, Randolph, Jefferson, Lancaster, Dummer, and Whitefield. In its new structure C.E.D.C. has partnered with Northern Community Investment Corporation of St. Johnsbury, VT, which provides stability, technical services in the loan area, and years of experience and success in structuring economic development loans for the region.

C.E.D.C.'s new director, Peter Riviere, plays several other roles critical to the county: as the lead agency in aggregating telecommunications and broadband access for data and voice transmission, Riviere has brought a \$100,000 grant from NH's Department of Resources and Economic Development to try to attract providers of broadband services at costs competitive to similar services in the state's southern tier.

He has also assumed the role as secretary and administrator for the Great North Woods Region Association, another organization that had become inactive for much of the last year.

Riviere brings two decades of work as a journalist in the county to his position. His familiarity with the area and its issues have provided a quick restart to C.E.D.C.'s activities in the county.

In the near future C.E.D.C. expects to play an important role in aggregating the county's electricity needs as we all face the impact and effects from deregulation. Several exciting possibilities loom on the horizon that could remake how the county's municipalities operate and receive their electricity for residential and business needs.

As the year 2001 unfolds C.E.D.C./N.C.I.C. is completing legal and contractual loan language with Mountain View Development Corp., LLC, in securing a \$659,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) loan to the hotel as it begins its renovation and rebirth. The Mountain View is contracted to produce as many as 50 new jobs, 35 of which will benefit low- and moderate-income individuals.

There are numerous other initiatives on which C.E.D.C. has collaborated including: Whitefield Industrial Park development; leasing tower space for cellular phone service making its way up the Connecticut River Valley; the Miles Pond sawmill closing; promoting and attracting new business to the Colebrook Industrial Park; securing loans for private investment in the county's business community; and grant writing for numerous small grants.

C.E.D.C. also manages the old Coös County Courthouse in Lancaster which recently underwent an energy audit in preparation for grant writing to sustain renovations and updates to the century-old historic edifice.

With its main goal to induce job growth and economic expansion, C.E.D.C. collaborates with banks and other lenders to provide loans to new business start-ups and business expansions.

C.E.D.C. can be reached at (603) 788-3900 or email cedc@together.net. Our mailing address is 148 Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584.

Respectfully submitted,
Coös Economic Development Corporation

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CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS



This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have looked at a number of river-related issues that could affect the Town of Lancaster, issues as wide-ranging as toxins in fish tissue to telecommunications towers in the sky. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed of the Connecticut River, the C.R.J.C. are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river and its valley.

Following up on the widespread public concern surrounding riverbank erosion, we have devised a way to prioritize erosion sites for restoration and convened a technical team to evaluate the top sites identified by the county conservation districts on the Connecticut River mainstem. We are preparing to seek funding to restore several of the top priority sites next summer.

This year we created a set of informational fact sheets to help landowners and communities learn more about riparian buffers, the streamside vegetation which is so important to protect against bank erosion and purify stream water. Copies are being distributed to all towns in the watershed. This material and more is free and also available on our web site: www.crjc.org.

We continue to work to bring the attention of federal and state agencies to *the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, to give local people new influence in the decisions of their government when it come to their river. For example, our local subcommittees called for better information on the possible toxicity of fish tissue, which led this summer to an investigation of the river's fish by all four Connecticut River states, the first such river-long study in the country. We encourage towns to look at adopting the *River Plan* into their town's master plan.

Each of our five local river subcommittees is an active voice for river issues in its region. We also keep in touch through our newsletter, *River Valley News*.

The C.R.J.C. support efforts to safeguard natural and historic assets of the valley, and are working with valley businesses and the states of NH & VT to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Scenic Byway. We are providing staff and coordination for the Byway effort.

In order to help represent the interests of valley communities in the Fifteen Mile Falls negotiations, we have been an active participant and stakeholder for the last five years, and are advising the states on river flow issues.

With the support of the four Senators from NH and VT, we are working hard to reinstate our Partnership Program, which for eight years provided funds for locally inspired projects throughout the watershed.

Our monthly meetings focus public attention on a wide range of topics. Meeting topics in 2000 included mercury and pollution by other heavy metals, new opportunities for rail in the river valley, boating issues, telecommunications towers, and a possible new Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program for Connecticut River Valley farmers. We welcome the public to our meetings, held on the last Monday of each month in various locations around the river valley.

Robert Christie, Connecticut River Commissioner
Sharon Francis, Executive Director

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Drew Park

RIVERBEND SUBCOMMITTEE

A LOCAL SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

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In March, the Subcommittee sponsored a major public forum on the fisheries of the Connecticut River in our area. We asked the state biologists from VT & NH to report to the public about the current status of fisheries and their management on the mainstem, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service to explain the new flow regimes agreed upon for Fifteen Mile Falls. PG&E Gen described plans for new river-related exhibits at their visitor centers that we helped design.

The Subcommittee also advised the Connecticut River Joint Commissions on new riparian buffer fact sheets for landowners and towns. This free information is useful for anyone whose property lies on water, from a small brook to the Connecticut River itself. It is now available from subcommittee members, the conservation district, Cooperative Extension, and the town library. Retaining natural vegetation along the shoreline is the most effective way landowners can help protect both their riverbanks and water quality.

We have continued to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects and problems on or near the river, including riverbank erosion, recreation problems, bridge and road repairs, and possible public primitive canoe campsites on the river. We also advised the states of NH & VT, the Environmental Protection Agency, and C.R.J.C. on a study of the health of river sediments. We advised C.R.J.C. on the newest kind of development on the horizon, telecommunications towers. Our report prompted C.R.J.C. to hold a river-wide meeting on this subject to advise towns how to guide this development so that it provides the region with good communications without interfering with the beauty of the river landscape.

Towns in our region are reviewing the many tools and recommendations we have provided in the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*. Many communities along the river have now adopted the plan, and a number are actively moving to incorporate its recommendations as they update their existing town plans and revise their zoning. We are staying informed about the re-licensing of the Fifteen Mile Falls hydro stations, noting that the Settlement Agreement includes all of the recommendations we made in our *Plan*. The town library and town clerk's office have a copy of the plan available for review.

The Riverbend Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, at the Littleton Community House on the fourth Thursday evening of every other month. We invite citizens interested in representing the Town to contact the selectmen. More information, including advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, a calendar of meetings, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, is on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

William Allin, Leighton Pratt, and Scott Forbes, Lancaster representatives

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NORTHERN GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce serves thirteen towns in the area to include: Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Northumberland, Randolph, Stark, Stratford, Twin Mountain, and Whitefield in New Hampshire, and Gilman, Guildhall, and Lunenburg in Vermont. We have 95 member businesses in this area and are still growing.

Our goal is to support the economic development of the area and the businesses in the area. In order to accomplish that, we need to promote the area on a wider geographical basis than we have in the past.

To date this year our accomplishments include:

Publication of Gateway magazine, a publication to draw tourists to our area. This year we are printing 50,000 and will distribute them across a wider geographical area at welcome centers, airports, hotels, and dining establishments.

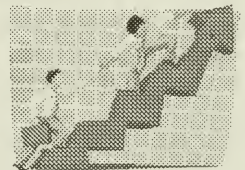
Creation and Publication of our Relocation Guide, a guide targeted to those individuals and families seeking to relocate to the area. It contains information that addresses questions people have when they are looking to relocate. Chamber members only are allowed to advertise their business in this publication.

Increased membership, with the addition of several businesses to our member roster. Membership continues to grow as the benefits provided to its members increase.

A monthly newsletter which provides information to the membership on relevant topics such as marketing, taxes, and legislation that affects small businesses.

The continuation of the Business After Hours events, where businesses provide an "open house" for other businesses to market their business as well as network with other businesses.

Advertising and marketing the area, as well as the businesses that belong to the chamber, is a major new thrust for the chamber.



The Chamber is a financially sound organization, and is growing its financial resources. Those resources will then be used to market the area and the chamber businesses.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Bartlett
Executive Director



REPORT FROM THE MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

As passenger traffic at major airports around the country grows beyond their capacity to expand, federal and state governments are looking for opportunities to develop regional airports. While the North Country may not have a population base large enough to sustain regularly scheduled airline service, it does have enough tourists to potentially support on-demand charter flight service. A growing number of the region's ten to twelve million visitors now come from the Mid-Atlantic States and Europe. The destination resorts as well as other tourism businesses have expressed interest in having charter flight services available to bring their guests closer to their final destinations. Many of the North Country's larger businesses, which now fly key personnel into the region, would also like a longer runway on which to land corporate jets. Recognizing the growth in the area's economy, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has agreed to pay for a revision to MWRA's Master Plan that will evaluate the airport's market opportunities and the feasibility of extending the runway.

Since the formation of the Regional Authority in 1998, the Mount Washington Regional Airport has received financial support and active participation from the towns of Bethlehem, Dalton, Franconia, Jefferson, Lancaster, Lincoln, Littleton, North Woodstock, Sugar Hill, Twin Mountain (Carroll), and Whitefield. These eleven towns have contributed a combined total of \$27,108, of which Lancaster's share has been \$3,504. The contribution of these funds has enabled the airport to receive \$353,000 in federal and state grants. This year the FAA has allocated \$90,000 for a marketing and engineering analysis, and \$202,000 to begin a four-year project to purchase abutting properties, tree clearing easements, and make safety improvements.

During the year, MWRA has:

- Constructed a new post and beam terminal and visitors facility
- Raised \$19,100 from local businesses and supporters toward the terminal's construction
- Increased the membership in the Authority from nine to eleven towns, with the addition of Littleton and Lincoln

- Revised the hangar leases and rate structures to be comparable with lease rates at similar airports in Northern New England
- Hired a part-time manager
- Improved the appearance and maintenance of the facility
- Raised its standing with the State Division of Aeronautics and the Federal Aviation Administration, which now plan to spend \$1.2 million over the next four years

In the coming year, MWRA plans to increase the volume of visiting pilots to the airport through marketing and promotions, creation of a website, and hosting of events for visiting pilots. There are plans to provide more ground transportation options for visiting pilots, participate in joint promotions with key tourism businesses in the region and create a stronger, more active committee structure within the commission.

The Airport Commission is made up of thirteen members. Four members are users of the facility, four are from businesses with a stake in the development of the airport, four are from the Select Boards of the participating towns, and one member at large from the Town of Whitefield. The Commission meets monthly and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the airport. Selectmen from each of the participating communities meet once a year in the fall to review the progress of the past year, and approve the goals and budget for the coming year.

The MWRA may be contacted at 603-837-9532. Our mailing address is 113 Cottage Street, Littleton, NH 03561.

Submitted by Richard Polonsky
Consultant, MWRA

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

The year 2000 has been a year of change for the North Country Council. After 10 years as the Executive Director, Preston Gilbert left the Council to take a position at Syracuse University. Replacing Preston as the Executive Director is Michael King who had been the Operations Manager and Controller for the Council. Additional changes included the hiring of Blake Cullimore as Regional Planner and the hiring of Stacey Wyvill as Community Planner.

We continued to complete a number of local and regional projects for all of our 51 communities throughout the region. A summary of some of those projects is as follows:

Transportation:

- ❑ Reviewed and submitted to the Department of Transportation twenty-seven transportation enhancement projects for the North Country
- ❑ Began the coordination of the Route 2 Corridor Planning Study with the communities along Route 2
- ❑ Received funding from the NH D.O.T. to begin an I93/18/302 planning and research project
- ❑ Participated with the NH D.O.T. and member communities in the development of a regional bike path map (still in progress)
- ❑ Provided technical transportation assistance to the majority of communities in our region
- ❑ Coordinated the North Country Transportation Committee
- ❑ Conducted 135 traffic counts in 41 communities

Economic Development:

- ❑ Submitted and received federal funding for two major public works projects: The Plymouth Green Street project, and the Mountain View Hotel project
- ❑ Coordinated the North Country District Economic Development Committee
- ❑ Coordinated and published the results of a region-wide survey of business and workers in the North Country
- ❑ Published the Living Wage Study for the North Country
- ❑ Updated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region

Community/Regional Planning:

- ❑ Provided technical assistance to 28 towns throughout the region
- ❑ Updated seven master plans and zoning ordinances for member communities
- ❑ Coordinated the Law Lecture Series for the Office of State Planning
- ❑ Coordinated and project-managed the American Heritage River project. This is a project sponsored by EDA to develop best management practices for land use and development along the Connecticut River
- ❑ Performed a town-wide inventory of junkyards for one of our member communities

Environmental Planning

- Provided technical assistance to over 34 communities in the area of solid waste and hazardous waste management
- Served on the Governors Solid Waste Task Force
- Coordinated the Household Hazardous Waste Management collections for 32 communities
- Managed an EPA project to increase recycling in the hospitality industry
- Managed a source water protection program for the Department of Environmental Services, which developed methods to help in the prevention of surface intake contamination
- Developed a non-point source pollution education program for a number of our communities
- Provided technical assistance in the National Flood Insurance Program throughout the region

Many of these programs will continue into the year 2001. We continue to enhance our staff capacity and will be looking to provide additional technical assistance and planning support to all our communities. Major programs for the year 2001 will be the fourth biennial Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update, the submission of two new major economic development funding requests (maybe more), an increase in assistance to communities updating their master plans and zoning ordinances with an emphasis on some of the new zoning challenges we are facing (e.g. cell towers), the publication of a regional plan, and the continued assistance of solid waste management with an emphasis on conducting town audits on their solid waste management practices.

Our overall goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

The Council may be reached at (603) 444-6303 or email nccinc@moose.ncia.net. Our mailing address is The Cottage at the Rocks, 107 Glessner Road, Bethlehem, NH 03574.

Sincerely,

Michael J. King
Executive Director

PROJECT IMPACT

This past July the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded Lancaster a \$150,000 Project Impact Grant. Project Impact is a national program that strives to build "Disaster Resistant Communities." With support from Federal and State government officials, communities learn to protect themselves from the devastating effects of disasters by taking actions that will dramatically reduce disruption and loss. The term used for this strategy of protecting oneself from future disaster-related losses is mitigation. The Town of Lancaster is in the process of performing various mitigation measures in an effort to become a "Disaster Resistant Community."

We started this past summer by having Cartographics Associates, Inc. of Littleton create a GIS map of all the sewer manholes and most of the fire hydrants throughout town. Dennis Patnoe, the Public Works Director, now has this map on his computer. He has an extreme wealth of helpful information at his fingertips such as where the sewer and water lines are coming from, where they go to, where the shut-off valves are located, and what materials these lines are made from. This information will help him plan for future public works projects as well as give him valuable information in the event of a "crisis."

We used the Lancaster Fair as an opportunity to educate the public about hazard mitigation. We set up a Project Impact educational booth in the exhibitor's hall for the full six days. The booth was manned by town employees of Lancaster and Gorham, the Department of Transportation, and the NH Office of Emergency Management. We handed out information about protecting your home in the event of a flood, the National Flood Insurance Program, wildfire prevention, winter home fire prevention, smoke detectors, radon, general information about Project Impact, and much more. The information was very well received. We also raffled off six smoke detectors that were generously donated by Gorham Wal-Mart.

We currently have three other projects underway. Burr Phillips, P.E., from H.E. Bergeron Engineers in North Conway has begun a study to determine the best course of action to stabilize the riverbank across from the Water Street pump station. This riverbank has been drastically scoured away leaving the sewer pipes that run along the embankment exposed. This is a serious problem that needs to be addressed as quickly as possible. If everything goes as planned construction at this site will start late next summer before another winter of ice jamming and scouring takes place.

Plans are also underway to have the remains of the old Crib Dam located below the Main Street Bridge removed this summer. Our permits are already in place, we just need to wait for low water in late August to do the work. Removal of the crib dam is a course of action recommended by the Army Corps of Engineers Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab. They believe that this is one step of many to help alleviate ice jamming.

Finally, the town is in the process of creating its first All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. A public hearing was held on Monday, February 5, 2001, and the first committee meeting was held on Friday, February 9th. The All-Hazards Mitigation Plan will attempt to identify all of Lancaster's potential natural and man-made hazards. Once these hazards are identified and mapped, the committee will create a list of mitigation solutions to deal with each potential hazard. These solutions will fall into several categories: Engineering Studies, Structural Projects, GIS Mapping, Purchase of Equipment, Public Education, Update to the Town Emergency Management Plan and Training. This Plan will give the town a direction to follow in its hazard mitigation efforts and will also be an important tool to help the town receive federal funding to pay for future mitigation projects.

Our Project Impact initiative has gotten off to a great start. I hope all of you sleep a little better at night knowing that there are so many people involved in making your community a safer place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Couture, Project Impact Coordinator



Vacation Bible School activities

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

North Country Elderly Program Whitefield Senior Meals

The Older American Act was voted in for the first time in 1972. The main purpose of the program is to provide nutrition for the elderly age 60+ in a homebound situation or for those who can attend congregate meals.

The nutritious full-course meal is 1/3 of the daily requirement for these people. By doing this we are keeping these people nutritionally nourished and out of nursing homes. I have been with the program for five years. A large percentage of our 75 regular clients have been in the program longer than this.

There are two areas that we serve: The Whitefield area includes Whitefield, Dalton, Twin Mountain, and Jefferson. The Lancaster area includes Groveton also.

For FY 2000 which ended in July: 11,936 meals were served in Whitefield
 10,869 meals were served in Lancaster

Our Congregate Dining Room dinners are being enjoyed by more people who join us on Monday and Wednesday for good food and family-style socializing. Our average attendance is 20 clients.

We have a special day on the third Wednesday of the month. It may be a cookout "eat in meal" or a dinner honoring the significant happening of the month. Door prizes and 50/50 are fun for those days.

This program could not work if we did not have the dedicated volunteers we have to deliver these meals to the homes of our seniors. For some people the volunteers are the only people the clients see on a regular basis. To see the joy in these peoples' faces is worth a million.

In Whitefield, Winnie Palcey has faithfully delivered the meals four days a week for the last four years. He hadn't missed a day since he said, "Well, I'll give it a try." Sadly, due to health reasons, he had to stop delivering the meals the first of this year.

In Lancaster we are grateful for the dedication of several volunteers. George Aldrich delivers on Monday and Tuesday after preparing the goods at the site in Whitefield for the delivery. George has been with the program many years. We were very happy to have Dick McGinnis and Dotty Scott come into our program on Wednesdays. They do this in relation to their work at Powell Real Estate by returning something back to their community. Annetta helps Dick some too! Don Fogg delivers on Thursday and has been with our program for some time now. I can never thank these people enough for their dedication.

The Lancaster and Whitefield areas could use some relief or permanent volunteer drivers. We pay 32 cents per mile along with the meal of the day, which is called a test meal. Also the rewarding feeling of bringing a smile to someone's face.

In closing, the Elderly Programs and the Whitefield Meals program THANK YOU for your continued monetary support.

*North Country Transportation
Senior Wheels*

The transportation program is based in Lancaster and dispatched from Berlin. The van is available for doctor appointments, shopping or getting to the meal site for dinner. To make a reservation for a ride, call 1-888-997-2020.

We also do Medicaid transportation in our handicap wheelchair vans or in private cars for long distance medical. Rae of Hope Van is run by a grant through Littleton Hospital Hospice on a daily basis to Dartmouth Hitchcock for radiation patients. Call the 888 number for more information.

Littleton Hospital has a medical van for Whitefield to Littleton Regional Hospital for doctor appointments or physical therapy. This is a free service to the community. Call 1-800-499-0123 for more information.

Joan Dexter, Site Manager
Whitefield Senior Center



Seniors enjoying a Thanksgiving together

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE

by Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor



It is once again a privilege to report to the people of this large Northern Council District made up of 98 towns and four cities spread throughout Coös, Grafton, Carroll, Belknap, and Sullivan Counties.

The constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Executive Council are within the Executive Branch of your New Hampshire state government. Our role is much like a board of directors of a large company. We are charged with carrying out the laws and budget passed by the New Hampshire House and Senate. The Governor and Council employ 294 Commissioners and Directors to administer over

100 departments and agencies to carry out the details of the laws and budget of your State government. The Council has an overall supervisory role in assisting citizens, businesses, agencies, towns, cities, and counties in effectively working with State government.

Preparing for the coming two-year term that I have been elected to as one of your public servants, I share with you the following ideas and requests:

- ◆ If you are interested in making a volunteer contribution of your time and talent on a Board or Commission through the appointment process of the Governor and Council, please contact my office or Kathy Goode, Council Liaison, Governor's Office, State House, Concord, NH 03301, Tel. 271-2121, and ask for the appointment list for 2001. As your Councilor, I am always looking for people to serve on a multitude of Boards and Commissions in your State government.
- ◆ The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (five Executive Councilors and the Commissioner of Transportation) will be holding hearings around the State on citizen and regional planning commission recommendations for improving our highway system throughout New Hampshire. If you have suggestions on a needed improvement, please send them to your regional planning commission or to my office soon so they may be given consideration.
- ◆ The Regional Health Planning District Councils continue to meet and consider major changes in the health maintenance system for citizens both at the local and state levels. Anyone wishing to serve on your region's District Health Council should contact my office or Lori Real, Director of Planning Research at NH Health and Human Services Department, Tel. 271-4235.

- ◆ As one of your elected officials, I would urge your town and region to be in constant contact with our New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to let them know of your ideas, concerns and desires. I am interested in promoting projects to send to Senators Smith and Gregg and Congressmen Sununu and Bass. They are effective in their committee assignments and should always have a list from back home in New Hampshire to advance in our nation's Capitol.
- ◆ I recommend use of the NH Webster System. It is the official state locator for your New Hampshire State Government at <http://www.state.nh.us>. A complete directory of phone numbers and addresses of all state agencies is listed for your convenience. Utilize your local town library to access the Webster System which is administered and maintained by the New Hampshire State Library.
- ◆ My office has available a handy 800 toll-free phone card of organizations for rural areas.

Always know my office is at your service. Contact me anytime!

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond S. Burton

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THE CALEB GROUP
Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers
30 Highland Street, Whitefield, NH 03598

The year two thousand was a transitional time for The Caleb Group. The Caleb Group lost its long-time director and founder, had a temporary interim director for a few months and then hired a permanent director. During all these changes The Caleb Group still maintained its heartfelt mission...enhancing independent living for the elderly, infirm and homebound by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and fostering of caring communities.

The Caleb Group assisted more than 238 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain, and Whitefield seniors. We serve many elderly that range in age from their late 50's to 80's, 90's and one elder that's 101!

In 2000 over 5,500 hours and 29,000 miles were donated by volunteers. Much of the success of our program can be credited to the over 100 active volunteers that give of their time and talents, so that many of the elders can maintain their independence. Without these volunteers, The Caleb Group would not exist. These volunteers helped their older neighbors with such things as friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, chores, paperwork, light housekeeping, transportation for shopping, errands, and medical appointments. Sometimes transportation is provided just so the elder can get out of the house and see the outside world. Volunteers also assist in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program every other month. Caleb Caregivers deliver food to elders who are totally homebound. Without these services that Caleb provides, many of the elderly who need just a little extra help to continue living independently, might have had to go into a nursing home.

At the Highland House Computer Lab, a volunteer provides training for seniors who want to learn how to use computers. These older learners are instructed on Internet use, and enjoy sending email to friends and family. They also learn how to research on the World Wide Web. A few of our Caleb Care-receivers have gone out and bought their own computers. They feel comfortable enough, after taking these training sessions, to it a go on their own. Our computer volunteer is always available to them if any problems should arise.

There are no fees for the volunteer caregiver services provided by The Caleb Group. The program is funded through grants, fundraising, donations and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Lancaster for their support and for making it possible for us to continue to provide these much needed services to the area's elders. The \$3,200 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2001.

If you would like to be a volunteer caregiver, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please call the Caleb Office at 837-9179, or contact anyone on the Advisory Board.

Advisory Board Members

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Gaudes
Program Director

Eleanor Brauns, Twin Mountain
Myra Emerson, Lancaster
Julie Hall, Dalton
Mike Kopp, Lancaster

Heidi Mathieu, Whitefield
Rev. Arthur Savage, Bethlehem
Lois Spotholz, Jefferson

**WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH &
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

P.O. Box 599, Littleton, NH 03561 (603) 444-6894

White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services has been a resource for individuals and families in the Town of Lancaster for nearly 30 years. During this time, our services have expanded and diversified. During the year 2000, we have continued to grow, as the number of persons needing our services increase. Currently, more than 800 people are receiving our mental health services, and 160 families with a developmentally disabled member obtain some form of assistance, often 24 hour per day housing and vocational support. One hundred forty (140) residents of Lancaster received 4125 hours of service during the past year.

In these complicated and stressful times, many community members seek assistance from us for a variety of reasons, ranging from debilitating mental illness to situational crises. The support of the Town of Lancaster has allowed us to continue to offer services to residents who are uninsured or under-insured.

This year could be called "the year of the child" at our organization. We have been the lead agency and fiscal agent for the CARE-NH grant. This child mental health initiative is an effort to change the system of care for children and families in order to allow children with serious emotional problems to be treated in their own community. Anyone who is a parent or is involved with youth will recognize the urgent need for both prevention and treatment of childhood emotional and behavioral issues. As we move forward, in partnership with the schools, parents, and other human service organizations involved in this project, we are hopeful that we will become a community that responds quickly and effectively to the needs of families with a challenging child.

We have also been able to offer a new array of services to families with a developmentally disabled child. We are working closely with school districts to create a local network of services, which will augment and enrich the opportunities currently available to children with special needs. Our goal is to greatly decrease the need for "institutional" or "group home" care in our region by supporting families and schools to provide "state of the art" services without the need for a child to leave home.

Along with these new efforts, we continue to provide the services which allow individuals with disabilities to function as productive citizens. You may be surprised to realize that *most* of our services are now provided outside of our building. We bring all kinds of practical supports to persons coping with mental illness, including assistance with housing, jobs, and all of the functions of daily living, which can become enormous challenges. Our philosophy is one of hope and recovery: mental illness is usually biologically based and extremely treatable. Persons with a developmental disability can contribute to their community.

As we move into the new year, we are happy to be part of a thriving community that values each of its members and recognizes that every person can contribute to the overall health of the total community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jane C. MacKay, Area Director

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees Collected
Municipal Agent Fees Collected
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees
TOTAL COLLECTED

	1998	1999	2000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees Collected	\$ 376,945.00	\$ 429,078.00	\$ 470,346.00
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	7,232.00	7,686.00	7,776.00
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	10,070.00	10,294.00	10,577.00
TOTAL COLLECTED	<u>\$ 394,247.00</u>	<u>\$ 447,058.00</u>	<u>\$ 488,699.00</u>
DOG LICENSES	<u>\$ 4,517.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,372.50</u>	<u>\$ 4,432.00</u>

TOWN RECORD FEES

Automobile Title Applications
Certified Copies of Vital Records
Filing, Terminating, & Searching UCC'S
Marriage Intentions
Recordings Fees and Tax Liens
Licenses and Fees
TOTAL COLLECTED

Automobile Title Applications	\$ 1,348.00	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,588.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	6,956.00	7,934.00	10,108.00
Filing, Terminating, & Searching UCC'S	4,143.75	3,561.75	4,314.50
Marriage Intentions	1,620.00	1,530.00	1,620.00
Recordings Fees and Tax Liens	195.00	95.00	99.00
Licenses and Fees	1,365.67	1,086.61	1,172.96
TOTAL COLLECTED	<u>\$ 15,628.42</u>	<u>\$ 15,677.36</u>	<u>\$ 18,902.46</u>
TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER	<u>\$ 414,392.42</u>	<u>\$ 467,107.86</u>	<u>\$ 512,033.46</u>
Number of motor vehicle permits issued:	<u>3977</u>	<u>4092</u>	<u>4167</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Oleson, Town Clerk

The year 2000 was a busy year. Fortunately there were no Y2K problems. There were four elections, the Presidential Primary on February 1st, Annual Town Meeting on March 14th, State Primary on September 12th and the Presidential election on November 7th. The November election was by far the busiest with 149 people voting by absentee ballot (all were counted) and 1408 regular ballots cast. A special thank you to everyone who worked at the polls and counted ballots at those elections. Maybe Florida could have used us.

Receipts from the issuance of motor vehicle registrations is up this year by \$41,000. We continue to process registrations on-line with the State. The conservation plates (moose plates) became available on December 1st. If you haven't seen them yet, there is a display in my office. For an extra fee a registrant can purchase a regular moose plate or vanity moose plate at time of renewal or new registration. Gift certificates are also available.

BIRTHS IN THE TOWN OF LANCASTER TO LANCASTER RESIDENTS

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Name of Mother</u>
Jan 18	Ciara Dawne	Rodney Wetherbee	Aprel Wetherbee
Feb 24	Annie Amelia	Michael Kopp	Jennifer Kopp
Mar 10	Austin Blaine	Blaine Hartlen	Connie Hartlen
Apr 22	Kylee Anne	Kolin Bailey	Heather Bailey
May 12	Elizabeth Jean	Jason Desrochers	Tina Desrochers
May 16	Asahel Ya'aneh	Jefferson Whitten	Jennifer Whitten
May 23	Payton Lilah	Travis Giles	Tara Giles
Jun 01	Kennedy Anne	Thomas Blanchette	Charity Blanchette
Jul 05	Brandon James	Cory Bertholdt	Angela Bertholdt
Aug 16	Reilly Jane	Shawn MacKillop	Kelly Mackillop
Aug 22	Stetson Shayne	Raymond Clement	Rema Clement
Oct 25	Riley Saunders	Gregory Corrigan	Lisa Corrigan
Oct 26	Hatsilah	A. John Brosseau	Christine Brosseau
Nov 01	Sierra Alberta Darlyne	Kent Jones	Joan Jones
Dec 01	Samuel Joseph	Dean Stiles	Emilie Stiles
Dec 21	Myah Allison	Michael Bastian	Joelle Bastian

BIRTHS IN OTHER TOWNS TO LANCASTER RESIDENTS

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Name of Mother</u>
Jan 11	Madison Sharon	Richard Force	Kimberly Force
Jan 11	Makenna Louise	Richard Force	Kimberly Force
Feb 01	Jacob Edward	Chad LaBounty	Jeannine Labounty
Feb 21	Quentin Darren	Darren Peavey	Debbie Peavey
Mar 31	Kelsea Lauren	Lauren Chase	Amber Chase
Aug 18	Angelina Belle	Mark Zajac	Mary Zajac
Aug 21	Trae James	Thomas Whitney	Jana Whitney
Nov 15	Reuben Marcel	Gregory Nadeau	Rebecca Nadeau
Nov 26	Grant Charles	Kenneth Wyman	Patricia Wyman
Dec 26	Sophia Elizabeth	William Novacek	Suzanne Novacek

DEATHS REGISTERED IN LANCASTER FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2000

Date of

<u>Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
Jan			
02	Beverly Ann Trottier	Edgar Towle	Inez Gordon
06	Arthur L. Dubuc	William Dubuc	Dora Sevigny
06	Cecile O. LaPointe	Adolphe Aubin	Josephine Talbot
06	Mary Helen Ann Plumley	Joseph Doran	Ellen MacDonald
08	Lenwood W. Bresette	Lenwood H. Bresette	Hazel Masters
08	Laura Emma Oakes	Pierre Gagnon	Leah La Duke
09	Patricia Allbina Lessard	William Harney	Jean Thibeault
09	Everett Patrick Doherty	Patrick Doherty	Lilian Chase
17	Carolyn Ruth May	Lyman C. MacKenzie	Viola Winters
22	Katherine Duval Grace	Edward L. Grace	Loxley Scott
24	Glenn Joshua Lunn, Sr.	Riley Simon Lunn	Louise M. Sullivan
28	Adelaide Dorothea Cole	George F. Craggy	Althea Barnett
28	Doris Mary Roberge	Moise Roy	Josephine Demers
30	Cecile A. Burlock	Leon Guertin	Lizzie Croteau
30	Vera E. Morse	Erwin Powers	Luva Smith
Feb			
07	Richard W. Carr	James Carr	Abra Legro
12	Jayda R. Warner-Hodgdon	Jason Hodgdon	Jacquelyn Warner
12	Henry Addelor Verret	Ferdinand Verret	Lucienne Fournier
13	Wilfred Leo Sivegny	Alfred J. Sivegny	Malvina L. Bilodeau
17	Veronica G. Anderson	Miklos Grigel	Annie Boronkai
18	Alice H. Lambert	Theodore Baillargeon	Marie Gosselin
21	Doretta S. Vezina	David Laliberte	Marie Anna Bolduc
29	Marie Claire Humphrey	Thomas Legendre	Eva Emmons
March			
02	Samuel Anthony Marro	Michael Marro	Amorosa Cioffi
04	Juliette L'Heureux	Willie Montambault	Alma Fecteau
07	James A. Swenson	Alfred Swenson	Helen Benoris
11	Fred Woodman Jarvis	William P. Jarvis	Ada Perkins
12	Verna D. Colby	Ralph Hartshorn	Etta Warren
20	Elmer Fist Elliott	Charles Elliott	Annie Currier
26	Joseph Philippe Meunier	Wilfred Meunier	Albina Ashby
31	Orville W. Greenwood	Phil P. Greenwood	Elvira Wallin
April			
09	Lawrence A. Goulet	Oliver Goulet	Delia Morissette
12	Frank Perlzak	John Perlzak	Josephine Pelesko
14	Margaret Ann Hanlon	William Ryan	Bridget Mortimer
16	Earl Robert Kiser	Earl R. Kiser, Sr.	Edna Pritchard

DEATHS

Date of	Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
April				
23		Doria Theresa Thibodeau	Joseph Germain	Carrie Lamotte
May				
02		Hubert W. Roberge	Fred Roberge	Leonie Landry
02		Rose Alma Smith	Moire Paquette	Marie Fountain
05		Charlotte L. Bennett	George C. Sahler	Sophie M. Schantz
17		Edward Smith Mooney	Clement Mooney	Sybil Smith
21		Charles Henry Davisson	Charles H. Davisson	Julia Bjork
23		Palmyra Goodreau	Euclid Martin	Anna Breault
23		Edan Hattie Rowell	Frank Rowell	Hattie Gilman
24		Warren Neal Trecarten	Warren Trecarten	Velma A. Johnson
June				
01		Helen Ione Page	George Kipp	Bertha Kluender
04		Mabel E. Schmidt	Charles Allen	Marie Savard
07		Elmer E. Woodbury	Scott Woodbury	Evelyn Marchand
08		Lucille G. Maltais	Lucien LaFond	Louisa Gagnon
12		Earl Judd Celley	Judd A. Celley	Dora Parker
12		Francis M. Manning	Charles Manning	Addie Ryan
25		Rene Gordon Wells, Sr.	Cleoron Wells	Alice Prevost
26		Earle F. Maker, Jr.	Earle F. Maker, Sr.	Katherine Reed
26		George J. Trottier	George Trottier	Ellen Scott
July				
09		Olga T. Darchik	Michael Tupick, Sr.	Eugenia Tarasevich
10		Ola Mark Ainsworth	Odney Ainsworth	Alice Eastman
13		Marion P. Dowse	Peter Daley	Annie Cotter
18		Ernestine J. Acrey	Ernest Fontaine	Jenny Robichaud
23		John Ira Hicks	Harold P. Hicks	Geraldine McGowan
28		Marie A. Cabaup	Attilio A. Devenuta	Marietta Livolsi
Aug				
03		Basil Blair Heath	Levi Heath	Ardeel T. Fletcher
09		Adrien J. Couturier	Achille Couturier	Rosa Dube
27		BlandT. Campbell	Wallace B. Timmerman	Lillie F. Wright
29		Barbara Ann Collins	Archie W. Baird	Eleanor M. Broome
30		John S. Huddleston	Eric T. Huddleston	Mabel Sprague
31		Constance E. Thibodeau	Abraham L. Clarke	Helene Gagan
Sept				
05		Helen M. W. Meunier	John Currier	Jenny Hill
08		Fred E. Treffrey	Albert Trefry	Charlotte Taylor
12		Alberta E. Stone	Albert Hodgdon	Cecile Depoutee
16		Frances S. Rich	Roland N. Shannon	Gertrude A. Marquis
29		Doris M. Coulombe	George Gregoire, Sr.	Roseanna Sylvain
29		Albert W. Kelly	Henry Kelly	Emma Nolet

DEATHS

Date of	Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Oct.				
07		Thomas H. Flynn	Arthur Flynn	Hazel Bishop
22		Ann M. Rogers	Hector Morrison	Ellen Toohey
28		Robert James Paradis	Henry Paradis	Jeannette Bean
Nov.				
03		Leonora Crum	Wilfred C. Tibbetts	Christine Keezer
04		Alphonse L. Pratte	Armand Pratte	Lydia Lambert
05		Annie V. Marois	Daniel Sullivan	Mary David
08		Zora M. Miles	Samuel Pearson	Helen Gray
08		Charles A. Young	Albert Young	Mary Neill
09		Robert H. Graham	Harry Graham, Sr.	Gladys Fuller
12		Martha A. Monahan	Walter H. Kiniry	Mildred Cote
15		Helen Glode Ainsworth	Phillip Glode	Nora Collins
15		Bonnie Ann Shaw	Henry J. Bahre	Donna Gohr
24		Eva E. Morse Blake	Harry Lancaster	Addie Ripley
29		Marion G. Blodgett	Guy T. Gardner	Carrie B. Merriam
Dec.				
06		Harold Cauthorn	Charles A. Cauthorn	Daisey Bunstine
13		Helen Hardy	Unknown Colby	Lillian Dexter

DEATHS OF LANCASTER RESIDENTS OUTSIDE LANCASTER

Date of	Name	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Death	of Deceased		
Jan 07	Willard P. Gleason	Clement Gleason	Mary Cummings
Mar 27	Robert E. Perkins	Charles Perkins	Sarah Brock
Apr 11	Franklin J. Bedell	Edward Bedell	Doris Silver
Oct 05	Kayleigh A. Vanbrocklin	David Vanbrocklin	Doreen White
Oct 18	Crystal M. Ridley	Duane Ridley	Annette Johnson

**RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT
FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Date	Name & Residence of Groom	Surname & Residence of Bride	Place of Marriage
Jan 21	Dennis S. Hammond Lancaster, NH	Judith A. Kenney Lancaster, NH	Dalton
Feb 05	Dana E. Arsenault Lancaster, NH	Jill J. Clang Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Feb 12	Stephen J. Kenison Lancaster, NH	Heather B. Phillips Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Feb 22	Daniel R. Snyder Lancaster, NH	Danielle L. Ingerson Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Apr 01	Paul M. Marro Whitefield, NH	Cindy A. Eager Lancaster, NH	Whitefield
Apr 15	Charles B. Keel Pawleys Island, SC	Brenda J. Marshall Lancaster, NH	Stark
Apr 22	Glenn A. Cassady Groveton, NH	Kathleen L. MacKillop Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
May 21	Joshua A. Bishop Lancaster, NH	Angelica M. LaFlamme Guildhall, VT	Whitefield
May 26	Scott W. Howe Lancaster, NH	Margaret A. Bartlett Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
June 24	Rusty A. Hubbard Lancaster, NH	Rachel L. Avery Lancaster, NH	Littleton
June 30	William J. Cardinal Lancaster, NH	Carol A. Brennon Lancaster, NH	Berlin
July 28	Raymond A. Murray Lancaster, NH	Margaret V. Roberts Lancaster, NH	Carroll

MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name & Residence of Groom</u>	<u>Surname & Residence of Bride</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
July 29	Francis L. Brundle, Sr Lancaster, NH	Jessica L. Willey Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
July 29	Joseph W. Phillips Lancaster, NH	Pamela N. Doolan Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Aug. 05	Thomas S. Burack Dunbarton, NH	Emilie Christie Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Aug. 12	Norman H. McLaughlin Lancaster, NH	Dana E. Ross Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Aug. 19	Lewis D. Cassady Lancaster, NH	Colleen D. Willey Lancaster, NH	Bartlett
Oct. 07	Alan W. Cormier Lancaster, NH	Nicole J. Marshall Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Oct. 21	Timothy A. Gould Lancaster, NH	Robin A. McKeage Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Nov. 25	William M. Rowe Lancaster, NH	Rochelle K. Williams Lancaster, NH	Lancaster

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May 18, 2000

To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1999, we considered the Town's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters. We previously reported on the Town's compliance and on internal control over financial reporting in our report dated May 18, 2000. This letter does not affect that report or our report on the general purpose financial statements dated May 18, 2000.

Sincerely,

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS

Observation

A significant number of balance sheet accounts have balances which are not supported by the underlying accounting records. The majority of these accounts are not material to the financial statements. Several have balances unchanged from the previous year and some have balances not consistent with the type of account. This condition is indicative of irregular reconciliation procedures and is a repeat finding.

Implication

Controls over assets and liabilities may be weakened because no reconciliation is done on a regular basis.

Recommendation

We recommend that accounting department revise procedures to include regular reconciliation and adjustment of all balance sheet accounts on a regular basis.

POST AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS

Observation

Several of the audit adjustments from the prior year were not made on the Town's books. Certain adjustments were made after closing the books which were not included as part of the Town's final balances.

Implication

Control over decision making information is potentially weakened as available fund balances per the books may not reflect audited fund balance.

Recommendation

We recommend the all potential audit adjustments be reviewed by accounting personnel and that any disagreements be resolved prior to report issuance. Entries made subsequent to the audit date should be segregated and included as part of the various documentation presented for audit.

PRIOR RECOMMENDATIONS

In the prior year we made a number of recommendations related to improvements of the internal accounting control system. We are pleased to report that the majority of the conditions which resulted in these recommendations were not present during the current audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As more fully described in Note 1, the general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group is not known.

As described in Note 1, the Town has recognized tax revenues of \$403,643 in its General Fund which were not received in cash within sixty days of year end as required by generally accepted accounting principles (GASB Interpretation 3). Town officials believe, and we concur, that the application of this accounting principle, which would result in a decrease in the undesignated General Fund balance from \$984,504 to \$580,861, would give a misleading impression of the Town's ability to meet its current and future obligations.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general purpose financial statements of the omission described in the third paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire as of December 31, 1999, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire, taken as a whole. The schedules listed as in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 18, 2000, on our consideration of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Nichols, Charney & Co., PC

May 18, 2000



Lancaster Fair directors

**TOWN OF LANCASTER
TAX RATES**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STATE</u>
1960	\$4.40				
1961	\$4.35				
1962	\$4.35	\$1.79	\$2.31	\$0.25	
1963	\$4.82	\$1.95	\$2.61	\$0.26	
1964	\$5.35	\$1.79	\$3.27	\$0.29	
1965	\$2.90	\$1.10	\$1.57	\$0.23	
1966	\$3.80	\$0.98	\$2.63	\$0.19	
1967	\$4.64	\$1.28	\$3.14	\$0.22	
1968	\$4.64	\$1.31	\$3.08	\$0.25	
1969	\$5.08	\$1.32	\$3.51	\$0.25	
1970	\$5.12	\$1.51	\$3.34	\$0.27	
1971	\$5.90	\$1.44	\$4.19	\$0.27	
1972	\$3.57	\$0.87	\$2.53	\$0.17	
1973	\$3.66	\$0.84	\$2.63	\$0.19	
1974	\$3.93	\$1.08	\$2.70	\$0.15	
1975	\$4.10	\$1.04	\$2.90	\$0.16	
1976	\$4.55	\$1.27	\$3.07	\$0.21	
1977	\$4.60	\$1.02	\$3.29	\$0.29	
1978	\$5.30	\$1.27	\$3.83	\$0.20	
1979	\$5.45	\$1.36	\$3.75	\$0.34	
1980	\$6.03	\$1.60	\$4.09	\$0.34	
1981	\$6.27	\$1.56	\$4.24	\$0.47	
1982	\$7.37	\$1.97	\$4.82	\$0.58	
1983	\$7.92	\$1.43	\$5.90	\$0.59	
1984	\$7.26	\$1.22	\$5.46	\$0.58	
1985	\$6.78	\$1.27	\$4.88	\$0.63	
1986	\$7.07	\$1.43	\$5.07	\$0.57	
1987	\$6.52	\$1.88	\$3.82	\$0.82	
1988	\$17.05	\$5.46	\$2.33	\$9.26	Re-evaluation
1989	\$21.10	\$5.52	\$2.54	\$13.04	
1990	\$23.05	\$5.58	\$2.30	\$15.17	
1991	\$22.20	\$6.25	\$2.42	\$13.53	
1992	\$24.18	\$6.24	\$2.74	\$15.20	
1993	\$30.78	\$7.66	\$3.48	\$19.64	Trend Factoring
1994	\$30.34	\$7.63	\$2.93	\$19.78	
1995	\$30.34	\$7.63	\$3.24	\$19.47	
1996	\$32.10	\$8.15	\$3.50	\$20.45	
1997	\$34.85	\$8.22	\$3.86	\$22.77	
1998	\$34.85	\$8.20	\$3.91	\$22.74	
1999	\$26.70	\$8.87	\$3.98	\$7.01	\$6.84
2000	\$29.24	\$8.58	\$3.78	\$10.11	\$6.77

STATEMENT OF BOND DEBT

WATER FILTRATION PLANT

4.5 percent

Amount of Original Note

\$2,000,000.00

Payable to: Rural Community Economic Development

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
June 2001	\$ 44,195.00	\$ 82,865.00
June 2002	46,183.00	80,877.00
June 2003	48,262.00	78,798.00
June 2004	50,434.00	76,626.00
June 2005	52,703.00	74,357.00
June 2006	55,075.00	71,985.00
June 2007	57,553.00	69,507.00
June 2008	60,143.00	66,917.00
June 2009	62,849.00	64,211.00
June 2010	65,678.00	61,382.00
June 2011	68,633.00	58,427.00
June 2012	71,722.00	55,338.00
June 2013	74,949.00	52,111.00
June 2014	78,322.00	48,738.00
June 2015	81,846.00	45,214.00
June 2016	85,529.00	41,531.00
June 2017	89,378.00	37,682.00
June 2018	93,400.00	33,660.00
June 2019	97,603.00	29,457.00
June 2020	101,995.00	25,065.00
June 2021	106,585.00	20,475.00
June 2022	111,381.00	15,679.00
June 2023	116,394.00	10,666.00
June 2024	120,638.00	5,429.00
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Totals	<u>\$ 1,841,450.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,206,997.00</u>

TAX YEAR 2000
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$2,962,783.00	
Residential	\$27,067,964.00	
Commercial/Industrial	<u>\$9,586,450.00</u>	
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND		\$39,617,197.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	\$5,494,387.00	

Value of Buildings Only

Residential	\$61,355,600.00	
Manufactured Housing	\$1,891,150.00	
Commercial/Industrial	<u>\$21,404,150.00</u>	
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		\$84,650,900.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	\$15,919,175.00	

PUBLIC UTILITIES **\$8,651,470.00**

VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		\$132,919,567.00
Blind Exemption (6)	\$88,400.00	
Elderly Exemption (48)	\$705,900.00	
Solar/Windpower (4)	<u>\$22,350.00</u>	

LESS AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS **(\$816,650.00)**

**NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE
TAX RATE IS COMPUTED** **\$132,102,917.00**

LESS PUBLIC UTILITIES **(\$8,651,470.00)**

**NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES
ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE
EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED** **\$123,451,447.00**

Submitted by: Joyce A. McGee
Asst. Town Manager/Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

For the Municipality of Lancaster

DEBITS	Prior Levies		
	Levy for 2000	1999	1998 & Prior
<u>Uncollected taxes - beginning of year:</u>			
Property Taxes:		\$277,741.23	\$2,047.07
Land Use Change:			
Yield Taxes:			
<u>Taxes Committed:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$3,783,006.41		
Land Use Change:	\$12,046.00		
Yield Taxes:	\$8,020.63	\$22,005.37	
<u>Overpayment:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$2,154.57		
Refunds:	\$97.30		
Land Use Change:			
Yield Taxes:			
<u>Interest:</u>			
Interest - Late Tax:	\$4,174.35	\$20,219.50	\$284.89
TOTAL DEBITS	\$3,809,499.26	\$319,966.10	\$2,331.96

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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000
For the Municipality of Lancaster

CREDITS	Levy for 2000	Prior Levies	
		1999	1998 & Prior
<u>Remitted to Treasurer:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$3,458,515.43	\$275,588.66	\$915.11
Land Use Change:	\$6,960.00		
Yield Taxes:	\$4,609.30	\$21,657.27	
Interest:	\$4,174.35	\$20,219.50	\$284.89
Prepaid in 1999:	\$518.26		
<u>Abatements Made:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$10,303.25	\$1,494.41	
Land Use Change:			
Yield Taxes:			
<u>Uncollected Taxes -</u>			
<u>End of Year:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$315,921.34	\$658.16	\$1,131.96
Land Use Change:	\$5,086.00		
Yield Taxes:	\$3,411.33	\$348.10	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$3,809,499.26	\$319,966.10	\$2,331.96

Respectfully submitted by: Joyce A. McGee
Asst. Town Manager/Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

For the Municipality of Lancaster

DEBITS	<u>Last Year's Levy</u>	<u>Prior Levies</u>	
	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997 & Prior</u>
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year:		\$137,740.59	\$112,829.70
Liens Executed During			
Fiscal Year:	\$141,125.72		
Interest & Cost:	\$1,977.12	\$12,275.56	\$26,340.22
TOTAL DEBITS	\$143,102.84	\$150,016.15	\$139,169.92

CREDITS	<u>Last Year's Levy</u>	<u>Prior Levies</u>	
	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997 & Prior</u>
<u>Remitted to Treasurer</u>			
Redemptions:	\$48,311.28	\$49,462.19	\$74,080.85
Interest & Cost:	\$1,977.12	\$12,275.56	\$26,340.22
Abatements:	\$122.82		
Liens Deeded to Municipality:			
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Yr..	\$92,691.62	\$88,278.40	\$38,748.85
TOTAL CREDITS	\$143,102.84	\$150,016.15	\$139,169.92

Submitted by: Joyce A. McGee
Asst. Town Manager/Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WATER & SEWER ACCOUNTS**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

For the Municipality of Lancaster

DEBITS	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
Uncollected as of 12/31/99	\$31,428.99	\$30,358.85
Jobs	\$200.00	
1st Half Committment	\$120,049.60	\$102,071.79
2nd Half Committment	\$114,880.20	\$97,637.18
Added Names	\$36.25	
Refund	\$18.25	\$26.80
Jobs	\$1,615.17	\$1,772.98
Interest Collected	\$2,766.68	\$2,159.12
Well Drilling	\$4,249.45	\$0.00
Prepaid 2001	\$96.24	\$88.84
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$275,340.83</u>	<u>\$234,115.56</u>

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer	\$237,879.51	\$199,417.86
Jobs	\$1,623.84	\$1,772.98
Interest Collected	\$2,766.68	\$2,159.12
Abatements	\$882.87	\$819.16
Jobs	\$40.00	
Uncollected as of 12/31/00	\$31,996.60	\$29,946.44
Jobs	\$151.33	
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$275,340.83</u>	<u>\$234,115.56</u>

Respectfully submitted by: Joyce A. McGee
Asst. Town Manager/Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

For the Municipality of Lancaster

UTILITY ASSESSED VALUE - SUMMARY

Public Service of NH	\$5,233,000.00
Portland Pipeline Corp.	\$3,418,470.00
Total Utilities	\$8,651,470.00

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED

Elderly Exemptions -2000

17 at \$10,000	\$168,050.00
16 at \$15,000	\$240,000.00
15 at \$20,000	\$297,850.00
Total Elderly Exemptions	\$705,900.00

Veteran's Exemptions -2000

7 at \$1,400	\$9,800.00
22 at \$100	\$23,500.00
Total Veteran's Exemptions	\$33,300.00

CURRENT USE REPORT

Total # Acres Receiving Current Use Assessment:

Farmland	4125.22
Forest Land	19270.96
Unproductive	497.46
Wet Land	124.00
<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>	<u>24017.64</u>

TOTAL # OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE

767

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Selectmen:
Linda E. Hutchins
Christopher S. Parker
Bruce Hutchings

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Town of Lancaster--General Fund

Balance--January 1, 2000	\$1,574,872.16
Receipts	<u>6,185,842.80</u>
	\$7,760,714.96
Expenditures	<u>(6,203,068.65)</u>
Balance--December 31, 2000	<u><u>\$1,557,646.31</u></u>

Town of Lancaster--Sweeper Fund

Balance--January 1, 2000	\$1,013.25
Receipts	<u>61.58</u>
	\$1,074.83
Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
Balance--December 31, 2000	<u><u>\$1,074.83</u></u>

Town of Lancaster--Motor Vehicle Waste Fees Fund

Balance--January 1, 2000	\$52,037.82
Receipts	<u>11,806.40</u>
	\$63,844.22
Expenditures	<u>(27,709.00)</u>
Balance--December 31, 2000	<u><u>\$36,135.22</u></u>

Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries

Balance--January 1, 2000	\$45,619.34
Receipts	<u>30,274.86</u>
	\$75,894.20
Expenditures	<u>(55,270.66)</u>
Balance--December 31, 2000	<u><u>\$20,623.54</u></u>

Lancaster Conservation Commission

Balance--January 1, 2000	\$8,983.38
Receipts	<u>2,598.60</u>
	\$11,581.98
Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
Balance--December 31, 2000	<u><u>\$11,581.98</u></u>

Town of Lancaster--Payroll

Balance--January 1, 2000	\$4,562.64
Receipts	<u>1,181,467.90</u>
	\$1,186,030.54
Expenditures	<u>(1,179,524.29)</u>
Balance--December 31, 2000	<u><u>\$6,506.25</u></u>

William D. Weeks Memorial Library

Balance--January 1, 2000	\$6,835.83
Receipts	<u>39,385.10</u>
	\$46,220.93
Expenditures	<u>(36,288.00)</u>
Balance--December 31, 2000	<u><u>\$9,932.93</u></u>

Town of Lancaster--Slow Sand Filtration Improvement/
Water Meter Project/Rural Development

Balance--January 1, 2000	\$30,584.79
Receipts	<u>34,012.11</u>
	\$64,596.90
Expenditures	<u>(61,891.29)</u>
Balance--December 31, 2000	<u><u>\$2,705.61</u></u>

Town of Lancaster--Police Dept K-9 Unit

Balance--January 1, 2000	\$1,270.00
Receipts	3.68
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	\$1,273.68
Expenditures	(1,273.68)
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Balance--December 31, 2000	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

Town of Lancaster--CEDC Building

Balance--January 1, 2000	\$0.00
Receipts	63,500.00
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	\$63,500.00
Expenditures	(63,485.00)
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Balance--December 31, 2000	<u><u>\$15.00</u></u>



Mark Rivard and helpers at the ice skating rink

SUMMARY REPORT
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF LANCASTER
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000

NAME OF FUND	PRINC. BEG. BALANCE	PRINC. END BALANCE	INTEREST BEG. BAL.	INTEREST END BAL.	TOTAL P & I 12/31/2000
LYMAN BLANDIN FUND	\$ 66988.15	\$ 66988.15	\$ 11910.20	\$ 16288.35	\$ 83276.50
CENTERY FUND	198673.64	198673.64	4503.60	7347.89	206021.53
HELEN DENNISON FUND	7344.71	7344.71	2781.39	3260.66	10605.37
JAMES DOW FUND	7384.53	7384.53	3176.74	3659.81	11044.34
HISTORICAL TRUST	1220.74	1220.74	485.33	565.71	1786.45
CHAPIN C. BROOKS FUND	7332.89	7332.89	1270.13	1749.40	9082.29
EMMON SMITH FUND	61694.37	61694.37	10963.83	14995.74	76690.11
G. M. STEVENS FUND	192210.07	192210.07	9815.56	12567.40	204777.47
LIBRARY TRUST FUND	24140.60	24140.60	1232.90	1578.53	25719.13
WMRHS SCHOLARSHIP FUND	14847.60	14847.60	2570.50	3540.43	18388.03
TOTAL COMMON FUNDS	<u>\$ 581837.30</u>	<u>\$ 581837.30</u>	<u>\$ 48710.68</u>	<u>\$ 65553.92</u>	<u>\$ 647391.22</u>
LYMAN BLANDIN FUND	\$ 15345.81	15345.81	39703.27	40352.58	\$ 55698.39
MONAHAN TRUST	1105.20	1105.20	1785.34	1850.42	2955.62
DENNISON TRUST	925.35	925.35	3759.02	4043.50	4968.85
CENTERY TRUST	53372.09	53772.09	8581.53	11931.16	65703.25
TOTAL MISC. TRUSTS	<u>\$ 70748.45</u>	<u>\$ 71148.45</u>	<u>\$ 53829.16</u>	<u>\$ 58177.66</u>	<u>\$ 129326.11</u>
C/R - HIGHWAY	\$ 175578.57	\$ 158495.57	\$ *****	\$ 8496.33	\$ 166991.90
C/R - LANDFILL CLOSEOUT	125257.30	150257.30	32079.99	41856.48	192113.78
C/R - SANITATION	68580.02	68580.02	*****	3675.05	72255.07
C/R - BUSINESS & INDUSTRIAL	71584.66	71584.66	42953.36	49650.37	121235.03
C/R - TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENT	24000.00	24000.00	6223.36	7842.27	31842.27
C/R - AMBULANCE	17907.08	17907.08	1487.73	2527.61	20434.69
C/R - FIRE DEPT	53580.16	68580.16	4448.30	8363.62	76943.78
C/R - WATER DEPT	35079.39	35079.39	*****	1878.88	36958.27
C/R - SEWER POLLUTION ABAT.	118431.11	28556.59	6091.00	*****	28556.59
C/R - BRIDGES	75000.00	100000.00	10047.27	15947.83	115947.83
C/R - TOWN REVAL.	5000.00	15000.00	416.56	1243.74	16243.74
TOTAL TOWN C/R'S	<u>\$ 770200.29</u>	<u>\$ 738040.77</u>	<u>\$ 103747.57</u>	<u>\$141482.18</u>	<u>\$ 879522.95</u>

WMRHS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS	\$ 12060.58	12610.58	91777.77	96063.44	\$ 108674.02
WMRHS - FORESTRY	37233.04	37233.04	11050.10	13981.30	51214.34
SAU #36 BLDG. REPRS. & MAINT.	5236.16	61926.16	4199.70	*****	61926.16
SCHOOL FLOW VEHICLE	5000.00	15000.00	244.94	955.23	15955.23
WMRHS ROAD/DRIVEWAY REPR.	5000.00	25000.00	244.94	1346.85	26346.85
TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS	<u>\$ 64529.78</u>	<u>\$ 151769.78</u>	<u>\$ 107517.45</u>	<u>\$112346.82</u>	<u>\$ 264116.60</u>
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	<u>\$ 1487315.82</u>	<u>\$ 1542796.30</u>	<u>\$ 313804.86</u>	<u>\$377560.58</u>	<u>\$ 1920356.88</u>



Lancaster Street Fair race

TOWN OF LANCASTER

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

SUMMARY OF REVENUES:	Appropriation	Year-To-Date	Encumbrances	Under	Over
Taxes	\$106,676.00	\$4,024,792.68			(\$3,918,116.88)
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$227,006.00	\$347,449.65			(\$120,443.65)
Income From Departments	\$1,568,738.00	\$1,419,603.89		\$149,135.01	
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$260,500.00	\$383,195.03			(\$109,991.94)
Total Revenues	<u>\$2,162,920.00</u>	<u>\$6,175,041.25</u>		<u>\$149,135.01</u>	<u>(\$4,148,552.47)</u>

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES:	Appropriation	Year-To-Date	Encumbrances	Under	Over
General Government	\$619,725.00	\$580,868.85	\$7,969.83	\$30,886.32	
Public Safety	\$688,858.00	\$638,191.98	\$5,285.80	\$45,380.22	
Highways & Streets	\$452,420.00	\$407,510.24	\$28,812.64	\$16,097.12	
Solid Waste, Water & Sanitation Depts	\$753,085.00	\$664,202.22	\$22,700.00	\$66,182.78	
Health	\$23,659.00	\$23,624.03		\$34.97	
Welfare	\$37,600.00	\$34,923.75		\$2,676.25	
Culture & Recreation	\$387,286.00	\$210,543.44	\$4,200.00	\$172,542.56	
Debt Service	\$2,000.00	\$0.00		\$2,000.00	
Capital Outlay & Special Projects	\$176,650.00	\$201,027.25	\$75,454.69		(\$99,831.94)
Capital Reserve Funds	\$105,000.00	\$95,000.00		\$10,000.00	
Interfund Operating Transfers Out	\$0.00	\$141,125.72			(\$141,125.72)
Payments To Other Governments	\$0.00	\$2,512,076.00			(\$2,512,076.00)
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,246,283.00</u>	<u>\$5,509,093.48</u>	<u>\$144,422.96</u>	<u>\$345,800.22</u>	<u>(\$2,753,033.66)</u>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES	Appropriation	Year-To-Date	Encumbrances	Under	Over
From Local Taxes:					
Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$3,906,873.52			(\$3,906,873.52)
Payment in lieu of taxes	\$11,176.00	\$16,916.48			(\$5,740.48)
Miscellaneous Taxes	\$35,525.00	\$35,731.04			(\$206.04)
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	<u>\$59,975.00</u>	<u>\$65,271.64</u>			<u>(\$5,296.64)</u>
Total Taxes	\$106,676.00	\$4,024,792.68			(\$3,918,116.68)

Intergovernmental Revenues:					
Shared Revenue Block Grants	\$40,329.00	\$79,374.00			(\$39,045.00)
Highway Block Grants	\$78,804.00	\$78,803.67		\$0.33	
State & Federal Forest Lands	\$1,837.00	\$1,836.82		\$0.18	
Railroad Tax	\$2,724.00	\$2,624.21		\$99.79	
Rooms & Meals Tax	\$80,312.00	\$80,311.69		\$0.31	
Emergency Management	\$1,627.40	\$0.00		\$1,627.40	
Y2K Grant	\$1,372.60	\$1,372.60		\$0.00	
Interpretive Center Grant	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00			(\$60,000.00)
Oil Cleanup Project	\$0.00	\$9,863.49			(\$9,863.49)
Israel River Dam Project	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$13,263.17</u>			<u>(\$13,263.17)</u>
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$227,006.00	\$347,449.65		\$1,728.01	(\$122,171.66)

Income From Departments:

Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	\$460,000.00	\$470,326.50		(\$10,326.50)
Town Clerk Fees	\$19,050.00	\$23,120.96		(\$4,070.96)
Town Office Revenues	\$7,605.00	\$18,845.22		(\$11,240.22)
Planning & Zoning	\$1,700.00	\$3,004.02		(\$1,304.02)
Police Department	\$39,541.40	\$42,828.37		(\$3,286.97)
Ambulance	\$160,000.00	\$178,633.30		(\$18,633.30)
Health Department	\$0.00	\$25.00		(\$25.00)
Fire Department	\$2,000.00	\$2,502.48		(\$502.48)
Highways & Streets	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	
Solid Waste Disposal/Transfer Station	\$35,000.00	\$63,373.08		(\$28,373.08)
Pay-As-You-Throw Bags	\$66,253.60	\$70,078.50		(\$3,824.00)
Water Department	\$310,405.00	\$278,796.55	\$31,608.45	
Sanitation Department	\$229,170.00	\$205,488.42	\$23,681.58	
Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$33,325.00	\$30,221.49	\$3,103.51	
William D. Weeks Memorial Library	\$32,288.00	\$32,060.00	\$228.00	
Col. Town Spending Committee	\$172,000.00	\$0.00	\$172,000.00	
Total Income From Departments	\$1,568,738.00	\$1,419,603.89	\$230,721.54	(\$81,586.53)

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Insurance	\$23,000.00	\$35,703.09		(\$12,703.09)
Interest	\$50,000.00	\$67,294.94		(\$17,294.94)
Notes & Bonds	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Sale of Town Property	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	
Capital Reserve Funds	\$40,000.00	\$135,197.00		(\$95,197.00)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$115,500.00	\$238,195.03	\$2,500.00	(\$112,491.94)

Fund Balance	\$145,000.00	\$145,000.00
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,162,920.00	\$6,175,041.25	\$234,949.55	(\$4,234,366.81)
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES:

	Appropriation	Year-To-Date	Encumbrances	Under	Over
General Government:					
Executive	\$49,350.00	\$47,922.44		\$1,427.56	
Election, Registration & Vital	\$34,580.00	\$34,938.80			(\$358.80)
Financial Administration	\$133,770.00	\$133,549.17		\$220.83	
Legal Expenses	\$15,000.00	\$11,793.51	\$1,800.00	\$1,406.49	
Personnel Administration	\$183,250.00	\$182,612.07		\$637.93	
Planning & Zoning	\$21,200.00	\$14,614.10	\$3,000.00	\$3,585.90	
Old Courthouse	\$11,850.00	\$16,200.90			(\$4,350.90)
General Government Buildings	\$34,950.00	\$28,456.98	\$3,169.83	\$3,323.19	
Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$37,325.00	\$37,314.85		\$10.15	
Insurance & Bonds	\$81,200.00	\$56,564.34		\$24,635.66	
Advertising & Regional Association	\$17,250.00	\$16,901.69		\$348.31	
Total General Government	\$619,725.00	\$580,868.85	\$7,969.83	\$35,596.02	(\$4,709.70)

Public Safety:

Police Department	\$374,953.00	\$340,769.19	\$2,845.00	\$31,338.81	
Ambulance	\$235,515.00	\$222,425.97	\$817.50	\$12,271.53	
Fire Department	\$78,390.00	\$74,996.82	\$1,623.30	\$1,769.88	
Total Public Safety	\$688,858.00	\$638,191.98	\$5,285.80	\$45,380.22	

Highways And Streets:

Highways & Streets	\$419,420.00	\$374,553.68	\$28,812.64	\$16,053.68	
Street Lighting	\$32,000.00	\$32,156.56			(\$156.56)
Parking Meters	\$1,000.00	\$800.00		\$200.00	
Total Highways And Streets	\$452,420.00	\$407,510.24	\$28,812.64	\$16,253.68	(\$156.56)

Solid Waste, Water And Sanitation Departments:

Solid Waste Collection	\$20,000.00	\$20,195.00			(\$195.00)
Solid Waste--MSW	\$91,750.00	\$65,350.47		\$26,399.53	
Solid Waste--CD	\$101,760.00	\$92,552.59	\$5,200.00	\$4,007.41	
Water Department	\$310,405.00	\$285,470.71		\$24,934.29	
Sanitation Department	\$229,170.00	\$200,633.45	\$17,500.00	\$11,036.55	

Total Solid Waste, Water & Sanitation Depts	\$753,085.00	\$664,202.22	\$22,700.00	\$66,377.78	(\$195.00)
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Health Administration:

Health Officer & Expenses	\$800.00	\$945.03			(\$145.03)
Animal Control	\$1,950.00	\$1,770.00		\$180.00	
Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$20,909.00	\$20,909.00			

Total Health Administration	\$23,659.00	\$23,624.03		\$180.00	(\$145.03)
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Welfare:

Town Welfare	\$27,000.00	\$24,323.75		\$2,676.25	
Community Action Program	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00			
North Country Elderly Program	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00			
Caleb Group	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00			
American Red Cross	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00			

Total Welfare	\$37,600.00	\$34,923.75		\$2,676.25	
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Culture And Recreation:

Col. Town--Community Building	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00			
Col. Town Spending Committee	\$172,000.00	\$0.00		\$172,000.00	
Mt. Prospect Ski Club	\$1,500.00	\$0.00		\$1,500.00	
Park Maintenance	\$2,130.00	\$2,057.09		\$72.91	
Patriotic Purposes	\$500.00	\$500.00			
Town Events	\$2,500.00	\$3,546.49			(\$1,046.49)
Mt. Washington Regional Airport	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00			
William D. Weeks Memorial Library	\$188,406.00	\$184,189.86	\$4,200.00	\$16.14	

Total Culture And Recreation	\$387,286.00	\$210,543.44	\$4,200.00	\$173,589.05	(\$1,046.49)
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Debt Service:

Long Term Notes & Bonds--Principal & Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Interest--Tax Anticipation Note	\$2,000.00	\$0.00		\$2,000.00	

Total Debt Service	\$2,000.00	\$0.00		\$2,000.00	
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Capital Outlays & Special Projects:

Recycling/Transfer Station	\$2,000.00	\$1,270.00		\$730.00	
GIS	\$4,650.00	\$3,859.85	\$700.00	\$90.15	
Water Dept Truck	\$40,000.00	\$37,285.00		\$2,715.00	
Sidewalk Construction	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00		
Road Construction	\$50,000.00	\$23,020.26	\$26,000.00	\$979.74	
Energy Improvement	\$20,000.00	\$8,246.65	\$10,000.00	\$1,753.35	
Auger Compactor--Solid Waste	\$50,000.00	\$48,629.92		\$1,370.08	
Oil Tanks	\$0.00	\$7,332.82			(\$7,332.82)
Engineering Costs	\$0.00	\$600.00			(\$600.00)
Generators	\$0.00	\$6,274.27			(\$6,274.27)
Old Cog Shop (Interpretive Center)	\$0.00	\$64,508.48	\$15,491.52		(\$80,000.00)
Israel River Dam Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,263.17		(\$13,263.17)

Total Capital Outlay & Special Projects	\$176,650.00	\$201,027.25	\$75,454.69	\$7,638.32	(\$107,470.26)
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Capital Reserve Funds:

CRF--Highway Department	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00			
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CRF--Fire Department	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
CRF--Town Re-Evaluation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
CRF--Landfill Close-out	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
CRF--Bridges	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
CRF--SWD/Pay-As-You-Throw Program	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Total Capital Reserve Funds	\$105,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$10,000.00
Interfund Transfers Out:			
Tax Lien Accounts	\$0.00	\$141,125.72	(\$141,125.72)
Tax Anticipation Note	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Interfund Transfers Out	\$0.00	\$141,125.72	(\$141,125.72)
Payments To Other Governments:			
Coos County	\$0.00	\$506,098.00	(\$506,098.00)
White Mountains Regional School District	\$0.00	\$1,997,462.00	(\$1,997,462.00)
State of New Hampshire	\$0.00	\$8,516.00	(\$8,516.00)
Total Payments To Other Governments	\$0.00	\$2,512,076.00	(\$2,512,076.00)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,246,283.00	\$5,509,093.48	\$144,422.96 \$359,691.32 (\$2,766,924.76)



Motorcycle accident to which the Lancaster Fire Department responded

TOWN MANAGER'S
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FOR UNSELFISH DEVOTION
AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
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TOWN OF LANCASTER

2000





11 GOOD REASONS WHY I SHOULD TRADE AT HOME:

1. Because this is the place I make money and this is the place to spend it.
2. Because my interests are here.
3. Because I believe in transacting business with my friends.
4. Because I want to see the goods.
5. Because I want to get what I pay for.
6. Because every dollar I spend at home stays at home and works for the development of the town.
7. Because the person I buy from stands behind his goods.
8. Because I sell what I produce, here at home.
9. Because the people I buy from pay their part of the town and county taxes.
10. Because the people I buy from help support my school, my church, my lodge and my home.
11. Here is where I live and here is where I buy.

OUR TOWN(S).
One For All and All For One.

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NOTES:

TOWN OF LANCASTER

25 Main Street
Lancaster, NH 03584

FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE 9-1-1

Fire Alarm Pull-Box Codes – The first digit of the code is sounded, a pause, then the second digit.

12	Main Street near Old Cemetery
13	Corner Main and Railroad Streets
14	Junction Route 2 & 3 (north)
15	Corner Main and Kilkenny Streets
16	Corner Causeway and Summer Streets
17	Coös Junction
21	Corner Main & Mechanic Sts. & All Rural Areas
22	Corner Pleasant and Portland Streets
23	Corner Williams and Prospect Streets
24	Prospect Street near former Mary Elizabeth Inn
25	Corner Elm, Burnside and Winter Streets
26	Corner Elm and Water Streets
27	Holton Park
28	Portland Street near #73
29	Water and Winter Streets
31	Corner Summer and Wolcott Streets
32	Corner Railroad and Depot Sts., B & M Crossing
33	Corner High and Summer Streets
34	Corner Summer and Middle Streets
35	Corner Middle and Stone Streets
36	Corner Middle, Hill and Mechanic Streets
37	North Road (Beyond Hospital)
41	Thompson Mills
42	Corner Main and Middle Streets
43	Corner Main and Park Streets
44	WEEKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
45	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING
46	COUNTRY VILLAGE HEALTH CARE CENTER
51	Bunker Hill Street by M.C. Railroad Crossing
52	Top of Bunker Hill Street
142	HOLTON POINT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY
55	Red Cross – Civil Defense Emergency First Aid
333	NATIONAL GUARD
7-7 6:45 AM	ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED ENTIRE DAY

CIVILIAN DEFENSE SIGNALS

Alert Signal - Steady Blast 3 Minutes

Take Cover Signal - Short Blast 3 Minutes

All Clear -30-Second Blast - 2 Minutes Silence, Repeat

